# INDIAN REMOVAL TO THE WEST, 1832–1840

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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) F.W.ARMSTRONG (RECOMMENDING THE EARLY SHIPMENT OF INDIAN RIFLES,ETC)

47 Ennig 81. Ennis Infrd

F. W. Armstrong
Washington
14 May 1834

Recommending the early shipment of the Indian Rifles - & that Instructions be sent to inspect them at Philadelphia

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Referred —
Rec'd. June 11th.

Washington City
14 May 1834

Hon. Lewis Cass
Secretary of War

Sir

From my experience in forcing Arms to the Chickasaws, and knowing thereby, the difficulties that will attend the furnishing of Rifles to the Indians — On their arrival are their Mounted Rangers — Should the Army not be there — When they reach their new country — I have taken the liberty here of suggesting the propriety of having the arms which as early as possible can be — They get up during the Spring freshes otherwise at May, late in the Western rivers Steamers can get up — Owing to the low stage of Water as is generally the Case. The Indians emigrating

would necessarily have to discharge
individuals receiving their arms. this
is calculated to make them
disagreeable. and give a great
deal of trouble to the agent in
calling men up in to further to
receive their Rifles — [redacted]

The Rifles were offered
for inspection by Mr Donnegan
if some persons was sent immediately
to perform that duty could
in six weeks be at Fort Smith

I have the honour
to be your
Obt. Servt.

F. W. Armstrong
C. A

P.S.

Capt Simonton is now here and
would like this duty as he is
unemployed. F. W. A.

C. G. G. S.

Report of Agents and
Others Employed in
4th Qr. 1834.

he Removal and Subsistence of the _____ Indians, for the Quarter

A. ~~Special Agent~~ Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Rem'l.

| ENSATION. | REMARKS, shewing the nature of the employment, what business was performed during the quarter &c. |
|---|---|
| Dollars per Day. | In the Rem'l. of Iowa and Creek Indians. |
| Dollars per Day. | Engaged in purchasing & issuing Subs. to Iowa Indians. |
| per month. | do. in. do. & do. do. to do. do. |
| per month. | Employed as Clerk in the Office of the Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Rem'l. |
| per Day. | Employed in United States Ware House. |

Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Rem'l.

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**QUARTERLY STATEMENT** of Agents and others employed in

ending 31st day of Decr. 1834. by Capt. J. Brown, U. S.

| No. | NAMES. | STATIONS. | DATE OF EMPLOYMENT. | COMI |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | W. Rector. | Assistant Agt. | 1st Octr. to 31st Decr. 1834. | Fand |
| 2 | S. M. Rutherford. | Assistant Agt. | 17th Octr. to 15th Novr. 1834. | Hall C |
| 3 | Geo. Fletcher. | Issuing Agent. | 29th Octr. to 31st Decr. 1834. | 6 Dolla |
| 4 | J. W. Reed. | Little Rock A.T. | 1st Octr. to 31st Decr. 1834. | 6 Dolla |
| 5 | Hire of Slaves. | Little Rock A.T. | 16th Novr. 1834. | 4 Dolla |

Little Rock. A.T.
Decr. 31. 1834.

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**QUARTERLY STATEMENT** of Agents and others employed in th

ending 31st March, 1834, by Capt J. Brown, U.

| No. | NAMES. | STATIONS. | DATE OF EMPLOYMENT. | COMP |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | S. M. Rutherford | Express. | From 6th to 20th Jany 1834. | Thirty |
| 1 2. | Wm. Rector. | Asst. Agent. | " 1st to 31st Jany 1834. | Four D. |
| 3. | J. H. Reed. | Little Rock. A.T. | " 1st Jan. to 31st Mar. 1834. | Sixty |

Little Rock, A.T.,
March 31. 1834.

e Removal and Subsistence of the Choctaw and other Indians, for the Quarter

S.A. ~~Special~~ Agent Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Remd.

| ENSATION. | REMARKS, shewing the nature of the employment, what business was performed during the quarter &c. |
|---|---|
| ix Dollars. | Employed to convey Funds, and Instructions in relation to Contracts to Lieut. U.S. J. Rains, Chsc. Agency, West. |
| llars pr. day. | Employed in the Removal of Choctaws. |
| Dollars pr. mo. | Employed as clerk in Office of Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Remd. |

J. Brown Capt. USA
Pr Dis Agt Ind Remd,

1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) CAPT.J.BROWN,DISB.AGENT (A/CS OF FUNDS ON HAND FOR EMIGRATION)

C. 595.

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the Creek Indians, for the month of October, 1834, by Capt. J. Brown, U. S. A. Pr. Dis. Agent Indian Removal.

| Dates. | To whom Paid. | For what Paid. | Amount. Dollars | Cts. | Remarks - Shewing whether the payments will continue - how long - the necessity for their continuance - what addition may become necessary or reduction will be made - distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month and successive monthly. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1834. Octr. 14 | Isaac Sutewiler. | Stationary. | | 31½ | Bit Powder, for use of Office. - Closed. |
| " " | St. J. H. Reed. | Services. | 60 | 00 | As Clerk in the Office of the Pr. Dis. Agent - Continued. |
| | — Total. ——— | $ | 60 | 31½ | |

I certify that the above Abstract is just and true, according to the vouchers in my possession.

J. Brown Capt. R.A.
Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Rem'l,

Little Rock, A. T.
Octr. 31st 1834.

Cash

Envy 278. Checks

Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock 25th Oct. 34

Send an Account
of Money in hand
on 30th Sept. on acct
of Rend. In of Creek

Recd 19. Nov.

Little Rock. A.T.
Octr. 25th 1834.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit account current of Money in my hands, on the 30th ults. applicable to the Reml. and subsistence of the Creek Indians, and

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Maj. Agt. Indl. Reml.

Genl. Geo. Gibson.
Comy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington D.C.

(Letter.)

Emig. 259 Creeks

Capt. J. Brown
L Rock 16 Aug.t 1834

Sends Acc.t Current of
Funds in his hands on
acc.t Creek Emigration
for 2.d qr. 1834

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Rec'd 8 Sept

Little Rock. A.T.
August. 16. 1834

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Account Current of Funds in my hands on account of the Creek Emigration, for the 2d. qr. of current year.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. Brown Capt. U.S.A
Commdg Ind Pavil

Genl. Geo. Gibson.
Comdg. Genl of Subs.
Washington. D.C.

Ems 249 Creeks

Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock April
1st 1834

Encloses an account
of expenditures made
on aut. of Creeks in
the 1st qr. 1834

Rec'd May 1

Little Rock A.T.
April 1st 1834.

Sir

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit Account Current, with receipts and Vouchers of advances and Expenditures, made on account of Subsistence of the Creek Indians in the 1st quarter of present year.

Very Respectfully
I have the honor to be,
Your Obt. Servt.

J Brown Capt, U.S.A.
Dis Agt Ind Bureau,

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Comy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington. D.C.

231 Letter Emig Creeks

Capt. J. T. Brown

L Rock Jany 14th 1834

Enclosing Acct. Current of Funds on hand applicable to Rem. of Creeks at the close of 4qr. 1833.

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Recd. 8 Feby 1834

Little Rock. A.T.
Jany. 14th. 1834.

Sir:

Herewith is covered Account Current of Funds on hand applicable to the Removal of Creek Indians. at the close of the 4th. quarter of 1833.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
J Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Ag't Ind. Rem.

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Comdg. Genl. of Subs.
Washington. D.C.

1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) WM.BURKE POST MASTER (REPORTS ONE LETTER FOR CAPT PAGE IN CIN.P.O.)

C.19/5

Emig 256 Cincin

Wm Burke (Postmaster)
Cincinnati 18 Aug 1834
Has examined the post office
& found a letter for
Capt. Page. Marked
Washington

free

J. H. Hook

Acting Comr Gal Subsistence
Washington
(City)

CINCINNATI, O.
AUG
13

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Rec.d 25 aug.t

Post Office Cincinnati
18th august 1834

J. H. Hook Esq.r

Sir. I have examined the office and find but one Letter remaining for Capt John Page. Post Marked. Washington July 12th – 1834

I am Sir
your most
obt Servt
William Burton P.M.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

No. 79. B.

Lewis Moutault

Storage &c of Powder

$16.80.

Chargeable to Appropriation for Emigrating Indians.

Appr: for Rifles Blankets & Transp. Creeks per Act making Appr. for Int. & Annuities &c Appd. 26 June 1834.

E.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The United States

1834 To Louis Montault Supt. Powder Magazine Dr.

For Storage of Powder from the 15th August 1834 to the 23d September 1834 – Viz.

| | |
|---|---|
| Storage of 60 Kegs Powder for two months at 10 cts per Keg per Month | 12.00 |
| Cartage of ditto from Brig Ann & Leah to Magazine – Viz 60 Kegs at 4 cts | 2.40 |
| Cartage of ditto from the Magazine to the Lion – Viz 60 Kegs at 4 cts | 2.40 |
| (Checks) | $16.80 |

Received New Orleans September 25. 1834 of Lieut A Drane Asst. Qr. Master U.S. Army sixteen dollars and eighty Cents.

(Signed Duplicates)

Signed Lis Montault.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

No. 77. B.

Ship Archer & Owners

$76.62/100

Appr. for Rifles, Blankets &c. Rocks.
per Act making Appr. for Sud. Dam &c.
appd. 26 June 1834 . . . . . $72-63

Appr. for Blankets, Rifles &c. &c. Charters
per Act 4 June 1832 . . . . 3-99.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The United States

To Ship Archer & Owners Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1834 | For Transporting 100 Boxes of Rifles from Philadelphia to New Orleans (for Creek Indians) as per Bill of lading herewith | 72 | 63 |
| | For Transporting 12 Boxes of Cards &c. from Philadelphia to New Orleans (for Chactaw Indians) as per Bill of lading herewith | 3 | 99 |
| | | $ 76 | 62 |

Received New Orleans, September 24th 1834 of Anthony Drane Assistant Quarter-Master U. S. Army, Seventy Six Dollars and Sixty two Cents in full of the above account

Signed Duplicates

(Signed) Thomas Toby & Co.

Agents

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

No. 75.

Joseph Lounsville

$50.04

Appr. for Rifles, Blankets &c - Creeks - pr. Act making Appr. for Ind. Ann. &c - approved 26. June 1834

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The United States
To Ship Louisville & Owner Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1834 Sept. 13th. | For transporting ten Bales Blankets from New York to New Orleans as per Bill of Lading hereunto ..... | $ 50 | 04 |

Received New Orleans Sept. 24. 1834. of A. Drane, Assistant Quarter-Master U.S. Army, Fifty dollars and four Cents, in full of the Above Account.

E.E. Duplicates
James Welch
Agent for the
Ship Louisville

No. 74. B.

John Ruff:

$15.00

appr. for Rifles Blankets &c
Creeks, per act making appr.
for Ind. Ann: to app.do
26th June 1834 E.

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The United States
To John Ruffi ... Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1834 | For transporting 15 Boxes of gun pow- | | |
| Sept. 23. | der from the Magazine to the Steamer | 15 | 00 |
| | Oceana @ $1 per Box ..... | | |
| | | $15 | 00 |

I certify that Jno. Ruffi has performed the service charged for, and that the charge is customary for this kind of service at N. Orleans.

A Drane
A Q.M.

Received, New Orleans, Sept. 24th 1834 of A. Drane, Assistant Quarter-Master U. S. Army Fifteen dollars and — cents in full of the above account.

Signed Duplicates. Juan Ruffi

No. 68. B.

S. A. Tracy

$6 $\frac{75}{100}$

appr. for Rifles Blankets &c
Creeks, per act making
appr. for Ind. ann: &c
approved 26 June 1834
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The United States

To. S. A. Tracy . . . Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1834 | For Hauling 100 Boxes Rifles for | | |
| Sept. 8. 9. 10 | Creek Indians / 20 loads à 25¢ per | 5 | 00 |
| | load. from Ship Archer to Store | | |
| " 13 | For Hauling 10 Bales Blankets | | |
| | / for Creek Indians / from Ship | | |
| | Louisville to store. 7 loads at | 1 | 75 |
| | 25¢ per load . . . . . | | |
| | | | |
| | | $ 6 | 75 |

I certify that S. A. Tracy has performed the services for which he has charged.

A. Drane

A. Q. M.

Received, New Orleans Sept. 13. 1834, of Anthony Drane, Assistant Quarter-Master U. S. Army, Six dollars & Seventy five Cents, in full of the above account.

Signed Duplicates. S. A. Tracy

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N°. 47

Brig Ann & Leah.

$44.10

referred from Treas Dt.
War Office, 26 Dec. 1834

Appr. for Rifles, Blankets & Transportation for Creeks, — fr. Act making appr. for Ind. Annuities &c for 1834. approved 26. June 1834.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The United States

To Brig Ann & Sarah & Owners Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1834 | For transporting Fifteen boxes of Gun Powder from Philadelphia to New Orleans as per Bill of Lading herewith | 44 | 10 |

Received, New Orleans, August 21. 1834 of Lieut. Anthony Drane, Assistant Quarter-Master U.S. Army, Forty four Dollars & ten Cents, in full of the above Acct.

Sign^d Duplicates

Jas. Thompson

Owner Brig Ann & Sarah

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St. Francis Agc.
for transportation &c of
Creek Presents $154.09

Appr. for Rifles. Blankets
& transportation for Creeks.
Act of 26 June 1834.

Statement of payments for transportation of Creek presents, made by Lt. A. Drane, Asst. Qu. Master at New Orleans in the qr. ending 31 Dec. 1834.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1834 Sept. | 19 | To S.A. Tracy, hauling 18 Loads of Rifles from Store to Steam Boat Oceana from New Orleans at 25 cts. | 4.50 |
| | " | 1 Small, freight pr. Steam Boat Oceana from New Orleans to Mouth of Arkansas wgt. 15 Boxes of Powder at $3 | 45 |
| | | 10 Bales Blankets, 4088 lb. at 50 cts. | 20 44 |
| | | 100 Boxes Rifles 16830 " " " | 84.15 |
| | | Dolls – | 154.09 |

1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) CAPT.J.BROWN DISB.AGENT (REL TO REMOVALS BY MC INTOSH,62-210F WHOM SLAVES.ASKS INSTRUCTIONS)

C.A.S.

Emig 225 Beck

Capt. J. Brown

L. Rock Jany 3d 1834

Muster Rolls #1,243.

Relative the Choctaw Emigrants by the Steamboat. The whole number 62 – 21 of whom are slaves.

Requests instructions as to the commutation allowance claimed by them.

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Recd Feby 24th 1834

Little Rock. A.T.
Jany. 3d 1834.

Sir:

I have received from Lieut Van Horn, Muster Rolls of the Creeks that Emigrated last Spring under Chilly McIntosh. The whole number is 62 - of these, 21 are slaves, and of which - the slaves - I feel at a loss in relation to paying the Commutation for their Emigration. - I have not got the Treaty, and your instructions do not specify payments for such. I have, therefore, concluded to suspend making the payments until I hear from you on the subject. I have, therefore, to request instructions in relation thereto.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.

J W Duane Capt, U.S.A.
Pro Dig Agt Ind Rels.

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Comdg. Genl. of Subs.
Washington, D.C.

CREEK (EMIGRATION) JOHN B.HOGAN (DECLINES APPOINTMENT AS TOO HUMBLE FOR HIM,ETC)

c. 1875.

Letter Book
Indian Emigration
23 August 1834

To
Lieut. Col. Lewis Cass
&c &c &c
Washington City

Lt Colonel Lewis Cass
Washington

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Referred 23d Augt.

Mobile 20 July 1830

To the Hon^ble
James Cass
Sec of War

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. appraising me that you had done me the Honor to appoint me a particular agent in the Emigration of the Creek Indians & that my compensation would be four dollars per day & that I should report to Col Alex Hall of Butt county who has been appointed special agent. &c !!

I authorized my friend Col King to use my name as an applicant for the appointment of special agent, but not for that of sub agent or assistant to any man, much less to one so totally destitute of qualifications as Alexander Hill who I know intimately having set with him for three sessions in the senate of this state I believe him to be a good old man but stupidly ignorant of every description of business except that of making cow & cotton

not has my solicitude this office I beg leave to decline the Honor intended

Respectfully
Your Obedient Humble Servt
Thos B Hogan

July 11th 1834

Major Jno B. Hogan

Mobile

Alabama

Appointment of Asst. Agent
Cherk Hom. Ch. Cattle of Mississippi

By War Department

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Department of War
Washington July 11th 1834.

To
Major Jno. B. Hogan
Mobile, Alabama.

Sir,

You are hereby appointed an Assistant Agent in the Emigration of Creek Indians. The compensation will be four dollars per diem from the time of commencing the performance of your duties, which will be indicated to you by Colonel Alexander Hill of Bibb County, Alabama, the Special Agent appointed to superintend the Emigration, to whom you will report. The Commissary Genl. of Subsistence will instruct you in the nature of the duties of your appointment

Respectfully &c.

(Signed) L. C.

Copy

Jno. B. Hogan's

acknowledgement of the
reception of Appt. by Secy of War
of Asst. Apt. Quartr Mast. — which
Appt. he declines

Mobile 24 July 1834

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(Copy.)

Mobile, 24th July, 1834.

To The Hon. &c.
Lewis Cass,
Secretary of War.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Inst. apprizing me that you had done me the Honor to appoint me an Assistant Agent in the Emigration of the Creek Indians, and that my compensation would be four dollars per day; & that I should report to Col. Alex. Hill of Bibb County who has been appointed Special Agent &c.!!

I authorized my friend Col. King to use my name as an applicant for the appointment of Special Agent, but not for that of Sub-Agent, or Assistant to any man, much less to one so totally destitute of qualifications as Alexander Hill, who I know intimately, having sat with him for three sessions in the Senate of this State. I believe him to be a good old man, but stupidly ignorant of every description of business, except that of making Corn & fodder. — Not having solicited this office I beg leave to decline the honor intended.

Respectfully, Your Obedient Humble Servt,
(Signed) Jno B. Hogan

Emig 36 Creek

Jno B Hogan
Mobile 28 Aug.t 1834

Enclosing a letter from
A Hill to Mr. Hogan
calling on him to
report as ass.t
Ag.t to that
Hogan declines
so to do

Emigration Creeks

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Fort. Mitchell Al. Aug 22nd 1834

Maj. John B. Hogan

Sir

I have been appointed — principle emigrating agent for the Creek Indians, you are appointed to assist — me in that transaction. I am now at Fort. Mitchel. making of the necessary arraingements. for that Business I stand in needs of your services I hope you will Repost yourself to me at Centerville and Mardisville by letter and also personally to Capt John Page at this place in the neighbourhood. This from your with due Respect

August 22d 1834

Alex Hill
Principal Agent
Reind. of Indians

12 Jefs

Mobile 28 Aug 1834

Dr Sir

I enclose you a letter ~~for~~ purporting to be from Alf Hilly, I think it is not his handwriting, but presumes it is from him, as he seems to want a sentence Refer him to you for help, for I cannot help the old gentleman in by playing a second fiddle on this present occasion

Truly yr
obt Servt
Jno B Hogan

Emig 47. Creek

Jno. B. Hogan
Mobile 18th Oct 1834

The government can have his services whenever it shall offer him an appointment acceptable to him; but the one offered under Hill was too humble for his ambition

Yours Respy
Jno B Hogan

Genl Gibson

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Rec'd 3 Nov.

Mobile 18 Oct. 1834

To Genl Geo Gibson

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of — stating that my letter of your acceptance of the appointment of Sub agent was received before long after your receipt of my non acceptance, which I presume was intended as complementary tho' it is so considered, I do thank you for the good opinion you entertain of my ability to discharge such duties and I assure you it would have afforded me great pleasure to have received an appointment such as I would have accepted, that would have placed me under your orders, as I feel well assured I would have given yourself & the Department on whose you preside entire satisfaction in the manner I should have discharged those duties; the appointment tendered me may rather be too humble even for my ambition, but if the Government are desirous to have my services they can command them whenever they prefer me an appointment that would not disgrace me in my own & the opinions of my friends

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt Servt
Jno. B Hogan

[redacted] 1854 CREEK (EMIGRATION) WM.HUNTER (ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT OF ASST AGENT OF EMIGRATION)

C.9/5.

July 11th 1834

Colo Wm Hunter

Tuscumbia

Alabama

Appointment of Asst. Agent
Creek Nation East of Mississippi
by War Department

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Department of War
Washington July 11th 1834.

To
Colo. Wm Hunter
Tuscumbia, Alabama.

Sir,

You are hereby appointed an Assistant Agent in the Emigration of Creek Indians. The compensation will be four dollars per diem, from the time of commencing the performance of your duties, which which will be indicated to you by Colo. Alexander Hill of Bibb County Alabama, the Special Agent appointed to superintend the Emigration, to whom you will report. The Commissary Genl. of Subsistence will instruct you in the nature of the duties of your appointment.

Respectfully &c.
(Signed) L. C.

Emig 27 Cents

Wm Hunter

Tuscumbia 8 Aug 1834

Mary Ann his appointed
and reported to Supt. &c

Washington City

Commission of Pensions
Commonly Pensioner of Revolution

FREE

TUSCUMBIA
AUG 10
ALA.

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Rec.d 21 Aug.t

Tuscumbia Ala,
August 8.th 1834

Genl George Gibson
Commissary Genl
of Subsistence

Sir I have received your letter of the 17.th July and also a commission from the Hon.r Secretary of war dated the 12.th of the same month as assistant agent in the Creek removal which commission I accept and have reported myself to the special Agent accordingly and now hold myself in readiness to enter upon the duties of that office when ever he may think proper to order me in to service

I am Sir your most obedient and very humble servant

Wm Hunter

1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) ALFRED IVERSON PROPOSING TO REMOVE CREEKS BY CONTRACT)

cDJS

Nov. 20. 1834

~~Foreign Affairs~~

Subsistence Office

The proposition contained in this letter repeated on verbally favorably by the Commissioners. W. C. E.

Wm. Ellis Chief Office of Commissary Subsistence

and Dept. June 24. 35

69. Emig 10 Creeks

Ref.

Alfred Iverson
Columbus, Georgia,
Nov. 7th. 1834

Proposing to remove the Creek Indians by himself & others under contract &c

Note. A copy of this letter is on file of bids for contracts. Creek files

21 Nov. 1834

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Referred by Secy of War Nov 21. 1834

Columbus Ga. Nov. 7th 1834

Dear Sir

The impression seems to be general here, that the operations of the Government in relation to the removal of the Creek Indians, have been unfortunately conducted & are likely to end in disappointment. There will not be more than five hundred carried off this fall & it is considered even doubtful whether that number can be prevailed upon to emigrate under the present Agent; and those who may be got off, will cost the Country considerably more than they ever have incurred heretofore. I conversed a few days since with Capt. Page, the disbursing Agent, who appears to be a man of good sense & well versed in Indian matters. He gave it as his decided opinion that the expectations of the Government upon the subject would be disappointed; that only a very small party could be obtained this year (about 300) and that the cost of emigrating them would not fall short of from thirty to thirty five dollars, per capita. Whether this bad success is to be attributed to want of skill in the agents or to the great disinclination of the Indians to leave their present abode, I am not able to say - perhaps it may be in part the effect of both. There can be no doubt that the present Agent, Col. Hill is wholly unqualified to conduct this business to a successful issue. This seems to be the opinion of all who know him & have observed his operations since his appointment. The Indians are loth to emigrate, & unless the influence of some of the principal Chiefs & some of the Indian Countrymen can be brought to bear upon them, it will cost the Government a great expenditure of time & money to accomplish an object which seems to be so desirable and important.

Under the impression that some change must necessarily take place in the mode of removal & that the Government will come

to the conclusion at last, that the whole business may be done better by Contract, a company has been formed here, of which I am one, with a view to make proposals to the Government to emigrate the whole Nation - This Company now consists of Gen. Sanford, Saml. C. Beaton, Mr. C. Howell, Father Blanc & myself - Beaton & Blanc have been taken into the Company in order, if we succeed in getting the Contract, that their influence with certain Chiefs may be used to effect a speedy removal of the Tribe - These men controul the head Chief Ara Micco, and the head men of several of the most powerful Towns, and if intermediate could in my opinion obtain the immediate consent of a large portion of the Nation to go off in the course of this winter & the ensuing year - Blanc has also accompanied several emigrating parties of these same Indians is intimately connected & acquainted with their habits, dispositions & movements & knows the route well - he would be a valuable agent in gathering & conducting the parties, provided he is at all times controlled & superintended by them in higher authority. Howell is a young man living in this place not much known abroad, but highly respectable & an active business man. We propose to undertake the Contract for the whole Nation or any portion of reasonable extent, to be mustered & delivered in Arkansas at such point as may be designated by the President at & for the price of Eighteen dollars per Capita, or to deliver them at Memphis on the Mississippi river for ten dollars per head - We propose to raise the necessary funds ourselves for that purpose, not calling on the Govt. to pay any thing until the Indians are delivered - We propose that the Government may appoint a superintending agent who shall accompany every expedition if they choose, & see that the Indians are humanely treated & the conditions of the Contract strictly complied with on our part - We are willing that the Govt. may exact any other reasonable guard which

it may deem it advisable & proper to throw around these operations in order to prevent fraud or any mismanagement. It cannot be doubted but that a contract of this sort would save the Govt. from Eighty to one hundred thousand dollars or more, in the removal of this Tribe; and insure a much earlier termination of the whole business, than can possibly be anticipated under the present regulations. If justice can be insured to the Indians, and their removal be effected quicker & cheaper in this way, than in the mode now under trial, I cannot perceive any reasonable objection to its adoption.

I have been requested & authorized by the Party above mentioned to address this Communication to you, with the request that it may, in general terms, be laid before the President & Secretary of War for their consideration, and if it is likely to be entertained or adopted, Gen. Sanford will immediately proceed to Washington City for the purpose of bringing it to a more definite issue.

The relative position which you occupy towards several Members of this Company & a Friendship of your views, coinciding (as we understand they do) with the policy suggested, have furnished us with the occasion for making you the organ of our Communications to the Government, and of giving you some personal trouble upon the subject.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Alfred Iverson

Hon. Jno. Forsyth

Reply on impressment by the U.S. Govt

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C.G.&S.

Indian Office
Submitted in Council
[illegible]

[illegible]

Referring 4.
Evening Circular

Affm 13 Aug
Selma Sept. 1834
States that Col. Hogan
is unwilling to leave
his appointment under
Mr. Hill but will act
if the wishes of Indi:
be divided between him
& Hill. &c

Wardlaw
Read unofficially
1st Oct. 1834

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Referred by Sec'y War, 30 Oct

Lima
Oct. 1. 1834

Hon. Lewis Cass

Dear Sir

My friend Col. Hogan is anxious to secure the situation of assistant agent for the removal of the Creeks, under Col. Gill, when the ground as a state of Hostility may suggest the propriety of dividing the nations between Gill & himself, when he will with great pleasure undertake the separate duties. for Hogan's conduct I can vouch, in fact I know no man in this state whom I conceive to be better qualified to manage business of that kind. will you have the goodness to inform me as soon as, practicable whether such an arrangement can be made, as will secure the services of Col. Hogan.

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Lord the sentiments of the Regulators respected

I am Dr. Sir

Your Obt. Servt

William A. King

1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) D.KURTZ (CLAIMANTS REFERRED TO NOT ENTITLED TO SUBSISTENCE UNDER TREATY) see muster roll of Mc Intosh family, this file

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Recd Creeks

D. Kurtz

Office Ind. Affairs
Nov. 10th 1834

The letter of 6th Nov. accompanied by the extract of one from Mr Van Horne has been rec.d

The claims mentioned are not entitled to subsistence under treaty of Jany 1826.

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Rec'd Nov 11

Department of War.
Office Indian Affairs,
November 10. 1834.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 6th instant, with an extract of one addressed to you by Lt. Van Horne. As the claims, to which he asks attention, are embraced by the treaty of March 1832 with the Creeks, the claimants are not considered as entitled to subsistence under the treaty of January 1826.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully
Yr. obt. svt.
D. Kurtz act
Commissary

Brigr. Genl.
George Gibson,
Commr. Genl of Subsistence.

C.295.

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Estimate of Funds required in the removal, and subsistence of the Creek Indians, for the Quarter ending the 31st of December 1834, with the application in detail* intended to be made of them, by Captain John Page, Disbursing Agent:

No. of Indians estimated from 5000

Subsistence, $11.000

Teams for water, 1.000

Contingencies, 5.000

Total amount to be rec.d $51.000

John Page
Capt & Disbursing Agent

* Please let us see the application in detail!!

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1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) CAPT.JOHN PAGE (ABST OF BIDS FOR SUPPLYING RATIONS ETC FOR EMIGRANTS FROM FT MITCHELL,ALA. TO MEMPHIS)

Abstract of Bids,
received by
Capt. John Page,
for supplying the
present emigration of
Creeks;
on the route to
Memphis, Tenn:

Entered.
13 Dec. 1834

Inclosure of
11 bids

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Abstract of Bids, received and opened by Captain John
for supplying the present emigration of Creek Indians with Fo
Hay or Fodder, on the route from Fort Mitchell, Alabama, to

| Date of Bids. | Bidders' Names. | Residence. | Ratio Comp. Cent |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1834, October 27. | John C. Switty. | Russell County, Alabama | 6¾ |
| Not Dated. | W. S. Henry. | Bibb County, Alabama. | 7 |
| 1834. October 26. | S. C. Benton, Per R. S. Wate | Fort Mitchell, Alabama. | 7. |
| Not Dated. | John Henry. | Bibb County, Alabama. | 8 |
| 1834, October 26. | William Walker. | Tuskegee, Macon Co. Ala. | 8 |
| " " " | Alexander S. Robison. | Fort Mitchell. | 8 |
| " " " 30 | E. Johnson. | Fort Mitchell, Alabama | 8 |
| " " " 23. | John Phipps & James Wordsuff | West Point. | 8⅝ |
| " " " 27. | William Rodgers. | Georgia, Alabama. | 9 |
| " " 21. | Seth Love. | Columbus, Georgia. | 9½ |
| " 27. | John H. Broadnax. | Creek Nation. | 10 |
| 1834 " 26. | John Godwin. | Columbus. | 11 |

in John Page, U. S. A., Disbursing Agent Indian Removal,-
ns with Rations, and the Teams and Pack-Horses with Corn, and
abama, to Memphis, Tennessee.

| | Ration Completed. | Corn, per Bushel. | | Hay or Fodder per 100 Pounds. | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cents. | Dollars. | Cents. | Dollars. | Cents. | |
| Alabama | 6 1/4 | 1 | . | 1 | 37 1/2 | "Not a responsible man, and could not give any security." — See Page's letter 4. Dec. 1834. |
| bama. | 7 | 1 | . | 1 | 12 1/2 | "Declined giving Bonds." See Page's let. ut. supra |
| abama. | 7 9/10 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 48 | |
| bama. | 8 | 1 | . | 1 | 25 | |
| . Ala. | 8 | 1 | . | 1 | 50 | See his Bids. — Demanded an advance of funds. — |
| C. | 8 | 1 | 10 | 2 | " | Accepted. * |
| Alabama | 8 | 1 | 20 | 2 | " | |
| | 8 7/8 | — | — | — | — | |
| a. | 9 | 1 | 50 | 2 | . | |
| a. | 9 1/2 | 1 | 25 | 2 | 50 | |
| | 10 | 1 | 12 1/2 | 1 | 75 | |
| | 11 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 50 | |

* Capt. Page does not mention in his letter of 4 Dec. 1834 the bids of Benton, Henry & Walker. There is very little difference, but it is rather in their favor. It is presumed he had good reasons for preferring the number who gave the Contract. The undertakers were few in number, and of course such inducements for Contractors.

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Creek Nation Oct. 27th

Sir I have examined your propos-
als for furnishing the Creeks from
here to Memphis and will
furnish each Nation equallee
to your Notice @ ~~[illegible]~~ Ten cents
p Ration and will furnish corn
for the Pack horses and teams
@ one dollar twelve & ~~half~~ cts
p Bushell and fodder @
one dollar & seventy five p
Hundred If my proposals
should be received I am
ready to give the security
required Yours

~~John H Broad~~
John H Broadnax

To John Page
Capt. & Disbursing agent.

Capt. John Page
Disbursing agent
Fort Mitchell Ala

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Columbus Georgia 21st October
1834

Capt John Page

Sir

I will furnish rations for the Creek Emigrants at 9 1/2 Cents per ration and Corn at One Dollar and twenty five cents per Bushel and Fodder at two and a half Cents a Pound if my proposals are accepted please let me know immediately

Yours &c
Peter Lore

a. 11[illegible]
b 1.25
h 1.50 - [illegible]

Proposals

John Page
Captain & Disbursing
agent

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Columbus October 26th 1834

Sir

Having seen proposals advertised by you for furnishing the Creeks that are about emigrating I thought the post office have sent in Mine which are (as follows) for the subsistence consisting of one pound of fresh beef or Pork or three fourths of a pound of salt pork and three fourths of a quart of corn or corn Meal or one pound of flower to each person and four quarts of salt to every hundred Rations — I will furnish each Ration @ Eleven cents and I will furnish Corn @ one dollar & twenty five cents p Bushel and fodder @ one dollar and fifty cents p Hundred

If my proposals should be accepted I am prepared to give you the security that will be satisfactory

Yours John Godwin

West Point: Octo. 23.d 1834 -

Capt John Page. D.A.

Proposals for furnishing rations to the Emmigrating Indians

| | |
|---|---|
| Beef or Pork pr. ration | 0. 05 7/8 |
| Corn or Meal pr ration | 0. 2. |
| Salt — | ~~11~~ 1. |
| | 8 7/8 |

making the entire ration from the component parts — 0. 08 7/8

John Phillips &
James Woodruff

Guerd Alabama

Proposals for furnishing the Emigrating party of Indians pr Ration to Memphis

For Each Ration Nine Cents pr Head

For Each Bushel Corn One dollar 50/100

For Each Hundred Pounds of Fodder or Hay two dollars

27th October 1834 W Rodgers

Fort Mitchell ala
27th Octr 1834

Capt Page

Sir

I will furnish
rations agreeable to Genl
Scott's order at 8¢ per Ration
in Corn at 120¢ p Bushel
or Pea a an at 2¢ per
the please let me know
if my offer is taken

Yours respectfully

Eli Johnson

Fort Mitchell
Oct 26th 1839

Capt John Page

Sir

I will furnish the emigrating Creek Indians according to your advertisement at Eighty cents per ration and Corn at one dollar and ten cents per bushell and fodder at two cents per pound you will confer a favor by informing me immediately if my proposal is accepted

Yours respectfully
Alex Robison

Capt John Page
disbursing Agent

Capt John Page

Tuskegee Macon County Alabama
October 26th 1834

Sir

I will furnish Stationery to the Commissioning Creek for Eight Cents per Station - agreeable to your advertisement - and Corn and fodder for the Waggon horses Corn at one dollar per Bushel and fodder one dollar and fifty Cents per 100 pounds your making the proper advance so as to enable me to secure the forage and procuring at the lowest terms

I am very Respectfully &c

[illegible]

Rations furnished by John Henry Bell County Alabama at the following rates (viz)

Meat Corn & Salt at 8 Cents per Ration
Corn at One Dollar per Bushel
Forage at One Dollar & twenty five cents per 100 lbs

Jno. Henry

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"Proposals"

Fol.

Captain John Page
Disbursing Agent
Ft. Whitehill Ala.

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Fort Mitchell, Ala
"Proposals" 26th October 1834

To/
Capt John Page
Disbursing Agent
Creek Emigration

Sir,

I do propose to furnish at pr. your advertisement for provisions and forage as follows—

The ration at 7 cents and 9 mills.— Corn at one dollar and 17 cents pr. bushel— and the fodder at one dollar and 48 cents pr. hundred.

Respectfully
S. G. Benton
Wm. J. Mace

Rations furnished by Mr. C. Henry Butler Cty Alabama at the following rates. That is to say

Seven Cents for Meat Corn & Salt per Ration
One Dollar per Bushel for Corn
One Dollar & 12½ cts per 100 lbs for fodder

A. C. Henry

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State of Alabama Russell County

Proposals for furnishing Rations for the Emigrating Party of Indians

For Each Complete Ration for head Sixty Six Cts

For Each Bushell corn One dollar

For Each 100 lbs of Fodder or Hay One dollar 37½ per

this 27th October 1834

John C Switty

1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) CAPT.JOHN PAGE,DISB.AGENT (A/CS OF ENROLMENT OF INDIANS,ETC)

C.J.P.S.

Comd.g 54 Creek

Capt. J. Page

Nashville 20th Jan: 1834

Enclosing Return of provisions & forage, an.d Current for 4 qr. 1833. Sa all an.t in the last qr. brought in to the 4 qr. - issues exceed the purchases - over issues are counted for

Letter

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Nashville, Tennessee
20th January 1834

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith a Return of Provisions & Forage received and issued, with an Account Current for expenditures on account of the removal and subsistence of the Choctaw Indians for the Quarter ending 31st December 1833 —

There is a small amount inserted in Sept. that I have brought into my accounts for the 1st quarter, the amount being very small I did not think it necessary to make two sets of accounts

The issues considerably exceed my purchases; I commenced issuing full rations but they accumulated large quantities of corn and beef and were constantly loading down the wagons; to compell them to eat these provisions that were getting burdensome to themselves as also the wagoners I curtailed my purchases from time to time and the good of the Service required I should do so.

I will state to you how the over issue of flour occurred. I put on board of a Keel Boat that was towed by the Steam Boat a considerable quantity of corn to issue to the Teams at Rock Roe. the Steam Boat stoped every night to let the Indians encamp and before I found it out they stole from me 75 or 80 Bushels of corn. I found every Indian had his wallet full. I put this flour

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on board for their rations and in fact had issued it finding they had a plenty of corn they had pilfered from me I retained part of their rations of flour and issued it to them a second time. If I had have given them all the flour at one time they would have left this corn and been for loading the wagons down again on our arrival at Rock Roe

Should any further explanations relative to my accounts be required I shall be in Washington and can make them

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt
John Page
Capt & Disbursing Agent

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl Subs
Washington City

Emig 71 Creeks

Capt. John Page

Fort Mitchell
Oct 1st 1834

Sends an estimate of funds.
Writes to draw $20,000
at Montgomery and the
balance at Tuscaloosa.

Hopes to start a party
in 20 or 25 days.

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Rec'd 13 Oct

Fort Atkinson, Alabama
1st October 1834

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith an estimate of funds required for the removal of the Creek Indians in this year.

If it can be so arranged I would like to have twenty thousand dollars at Montgomery, Ala., and the balance at Tuscaloosa, Ala. The latter place I shall go through or near it and it is nearly half way to Memphis and it will save the risk of transporting the money that distance and when I get there I can tell near the amount I shall want leave the balance in bank.- I have not seen Col Hill since I last wrote to you I believe he went home but intended to attend the Council when the annuity was paid, that is on the 7th of this month If Col Hill does not return shortly, I shall commence enrolling them. The certifying Agent who is examining the value of their land and the amount paid is a frontiersman our movements, they have been told by some that their land will be restored to them if a full value has not been given and the Indians have got it in circulation that they will get their land again at all events, these reports have a very bad effect, as also the annuity's being paid to them at so late a period and the place appointed is very inconvenient for two thirds of the Nation

It is 80 miles from this place and many are travelling to Emmell till they return and for the last eight days it has rained every day and no prospect of its stopping.

If the annuity had been paid by an officer at the Post or one appointed for that purpose, it would have been done one month ago and at a central point where all could attend without any difficulty.

You will perceive every thing works against this unfortunate but I am in hopes to start a party in 20 or 25 days and if an other party goes it will be immediately after them.

Your letter 19th of last month was received yesterday as also the blank books &c &c

With Respect
I have the honor to be
your obt servt
John Dougherty
Sub Agent

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Commy Genl of Subs

Emig 74 Creeks

Capt. J. Page
Fort Mitchell 4th Oct 1834

Ack. rec. the letters of 24 Sept & 2d Oct.

It is not desirable that the Indi: be enrolled at their homes. Two places are sufficient for this purpose of which Fort Mitchell should be one.

Col. Hillis incompetent.

Capt. Page goes to Mobile for Funds. &c

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Rec'd 25 Oct

Fort Mitchell Ala
14th October 1834

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Yours Letter of the 24th September and 2d October last the blank spoken of in my letter were only intended for the purpose of entering the heads of families and the number without specifying the age this to be done when we were holding talks with them and no extra expense incurred by so doing the object was merely for me to procure my estimate upon the mode pointed out in the instructions is decidedly the best mode for enrolling for when an Indian breaks up at home and comes to the rendezvous for the purpose of enrolling he brings his property with him as also his family and then is no doubts about his intentions but if they are enrolled at their homes every thing is uncertain

I have not seen Cola Hill for two or three weeks he went to Centreville and he writes me he was detained there longer than he expected his son became here yesterday with a letter to support to me for duty he also says his father has got several encampments made some contracts all of which I know nothing about I have no idea of his rendezvousing them and enrolling them at their own homes for it is much more expensive and very uncertain whether they will go after their names are enrolled. two places to collect all that are going

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going this Year on Sufferance and this place will be
the most important there being more Indians in
the vicinity of this place that I calculate to go there in
any other part of the Nation but he has been off Solong
I have been unable to know his intentions he has got his
Wife with him and it appears he cannot leave her
his Son is quite incompetent for this business Col Hill writes
me he had brought some people from Clarksville to emigrate
the Upper Creeks I sent his Son back to tell him I had
provided Teams and would take them in service when
they were wanted I sent this because I understood he
had also ordered some Teams all of which was contrary
to my knowledge and in fact I enjoined on him not to
engage any that I would make the necessary arrangements
the number of persons he has got employed in their encon-
-ferments & what they are doing I do not know but I have
sent for him to come here that I can have some understand-
-ing with him - The fact is Col Hill is too ignorant a
man for this business and if he does wrong it is through
ignorance he has not appointed the proper persons to
assist him Sammerville is the only one that knows
any thing Col H thinks a man that can drive
a team can make a good agent what Indians are
in this vicinity will leave him when they are called
for I leave here to day for Mobile after June as the Annuity
was paid on the 7th but it was only divided into two
parcels one part of the Nation took $2000 & the other
took the other $2000 One thousand Dollars reserved so there
is to be another meeting on the 20th this Month to

to distribute it again ~~based~~ it appears (and it appears to me nothing can be done untill the money is disp=osed of) this Community has injured our cause very much. So soon as I return from Mobile I will give You all the information our prospects of

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt

John Page
Capt & Disbursing Agent

Hon Geo L Gilmer
Comr of Indian Affairs
Washington City

Ewing 75th Creek

Capt John [illegible] Page?
Fort Mitchell, Oct. 24th 1834
Has rec.d $3,000 deposited
in Branch Bank State of
Ala.ma for Cust. Creeks.

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Examination of Chiefs

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Rec'd Nov 5.

Fort Mitchell Ala
24th October 1834

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Fifty Thousand Dollars deposited in the Branch Bank of the State of Ala for the removal and subsistance of the Creek Indians

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obt Servt
John Page
Capt & Subsistence Agent

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Comd Pend Lists

1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) CAPT.JOHN PAGE,DISB.AGENT (REL TO ENROLMENT OF INDIANS & INCOMPETENCE OF HILL,AGENT)

Emig 63. Creeks

Capt. John Page
Montgomery Ala.
Aug. 6th 1834

I am waiting the arrival of Col Hill – The general opinion of Hill is that he is an honest man but destitute of business qualifications, he therefore apprehends the Emigration will be late – Col Hogan is well qualified but it is doubtful whether he will accept his appointment

Hill is where he shall get guides – Mobile is the nearest point at which they can be secured –

Direct to him at Fort Mitchel or Montgomery Alabama

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Rec 17 Augt Montgomery, Alabama,
6th of August 1894

Sir,

I have the honor to report my arrival at this place & have been here two or three days awaiting the arrival of Cit Hill. I wrote to him as I passed through Tuscaloosa that I should wait for him at this place as he would have to come here to get into the Nation, he only lives about [illegible] from this place. I have been told he would not be home till after the Election is over which was yesterday, probably he will be here in two or three days. I wrote to the Chickasaws also and stated the [illegible] of Cit Hill's [illegible] operation in making so soon as the special Agent arrives I shall proceed into that part of the Nation & see what can be done and use every [illegible] for private emigration as I think I have much more influence with them than he will have. Indeed several affidavits are before of Cit Hill's incapacity for [illegible] of this kind & the proposed emigration will be a very little one.

Cit King the Senator says Cit Hill is an honest man but not a business man and has very little education and [illegible] what all the friends of Cit Hill say about him. Hagan is very much of a business man and well calculated for the business, but there is some doubt whether he will accept the appointment of an agt Agent.

I have made many [illegible] about the disposition of

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the Americans to emigrate, but the reports very so much that I do not place any confidence in any of their statements. If I had the power to have proceeded into the nation and commenced business much could have been done before this.

Shea to Lee

It will be impossible for me to make any estimate for funds, as soon as I shall want them. I wish you would inform me where I am to get money and to place a certain amount to my credit and whatever amount I shall draw and no more, but it will be necessary to have enough at my command to pay off every thing and not have any outstanding debts when I get to Memphis or Mobile is the nearest point I can get funds, unless some arrangement can be made to get it at this place. I do not know how Alabama money will go out of the state. If it could be obtained it would give me less trouble.

Pa to Lee

I shall not have time to go further than Mobile for funds. All communications should better be directed at this place or Fort Mitchell either will answer till you hear from me again.

When you notify me about funds please direct to this place and a duplicate to Fort Mitchell as I do not know which point I shall be nearest to. As soon as the Creek affairs are settled I proceed into the nation I will give you the earliest information of my success and what the prospect for emigration is.

I have received all the communications that were forwarded to Louisville, Ky.

With respect
I have the honor to be sir
Your obt Servt
John Page
Capt & Disbursing Agent

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Louisville, Kent State

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Rec'd 24th Sept

Fort Mitchell Alabama
15th Sept 1834

Sir

I have obtained all the information up to this date relative to the probable number of Indians that will emigrate this year.
Col. Hill returned yesterday from a tour in the Nations and thinks there will be from three to five thousand
I have been among them in the vicinity of this place; most of the Euchee tribe will emigrate this year, all of them having sold their lands,
Some of them say, not withstanding they have sold, they intend to stay as the persons that purchased told them, they could live on it as long as they pleased this may prevent some few from going this year,
I shall start to Irvington tomorrow and endeavor to prevail on a Town to go, that we have not yet seen. I am told they have all sold and as I am well acquainted with them I think I can prevail on them to go.
There is a considerable excitement among some of them here about emigration. those in favor have been attacked several times (when small parties have met together) by those offended to emigration.—
I collected a party together who are strongly offended to emigration, and told those who were in favor of it to come out and speak their mind freely and not be afraid to

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acknowledge their willingness to go and I would protect them; I also stated to them if Indians were opposed to emigration they should not make threats to prevent those who were willing to emigrate &c. —

Some of them were so mad and so excited that they actually turned pale. —

I found it necessary to be a little severe with them as there were many of them willing to go but did not dare to acknowledge it. The Chief of the Nation (Pahemico) as also many of his Town were present, all of which have been opposed to emigration, but he admitted all I had said was true, but that he had not sold his land and was offered to going himself. I told him he had a right to live on it but those who had sold were bound to go and that then white people would consider them as intruders after they moved into the Nations.

It had a very good effect large numbers came forward at once and said they were now willing to go. ))

The annuity having been withheld from them so long is a great obstacle in our way.

The emigration will be twenty days later than it would have been if the annuity had been paid to them about this this time. It appears the money has been laying in the bank at Columbus for some time and no one knew any thing about it. —

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I should like to have 60 or 80 thousand dollars deposited in whatever Bank I am to get my money from and as soon as I know what number of Indians will emigrate I can take as near as I can calculate the amount I shall want and no more. Very little can be done till funds are remitted; blanks of every description are very much wanted ~~to~~ particularly those for enrolling the Indians. I have had some written out that will do for immediate use.

As regards fodder for horses or mules employed no one would engage their team without it; on the other side of the River where cane is plenty and use nothing but green fodder or hay can be dispensed with, but on this side of the Mississippi where there is no grazing it cannot be dispensed with. Their horses cannot be turned out to graze like oxen. I endeavored to engage teams agreeable to your instructions and no one would accede to it, consequently I was to tell them I would furnish fodder, but I shall do with as little as possible I shall endeavor to be as ~~economical~~ economical as possible through the whole emigration and hope to the satisfaction of the government. All letters for Col. Hill or myself had better be directed to this place as we can get them much quicker than from any other point. Should you direct any communications to Centreville it may be three weeks or



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a month before we should get there; It is 190 miles from this place and the Mail only runs through that place once a week and very irregular at that.—
Lt Hill is a very excellent man and will do all in his power towards emigration but he has but little knowledge of the business. Every exertion on my part will be used to promote the cause.

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your obt Servt
John Page
Capt & Assistant Agent

Brig. Genl Geo. Gibson
Comdg. Genl's Staff
Washington City

Enclosure 68 Capt. Page
Capt. Gibson
Fort Gibson
Apl 15th 1834

Col. Mitchell's Commission
to form 3 or 5000 Emigrants — Choctaws in
Mississippi will be shortly
ready for the Indian country
The accompanying letter
& Memorandum will explain
the Indian's wishes
Receive that Col. on 5000
dollars may be placed to his
Credit in Some Bank
&c.

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Coming 77 Creek

Capt. John Page

Fort Mitchel 7. Nov 1834

Col. Hill has been very unsuccessful in the upper country. And Capt. P has been deceived by his calculations. Col. H has collected only 400. Capt. has not, till 6th Nov. called in to service any team; but Col H has had several, in service before they were needed by

All the Subsistence paid for as yet by Capt. Page is that for 170 hds, for about 2 or 3 weeks

In his next he will name the 100 who will remove this year, if any -

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Rec'd. Nov. 22d.

Fort Mitchell (Ala)
7th November 1834

Sir

When I left this place for Mobile after Francis I was in hopes, on my return I should be able to give you a correct account of the number of Indians that would emigrate this year and the exact time we should start, but every thing appears to be about the same as before I left. Cat Hill has been very unsuccessful in the upper part of of the nation where he has been operating, not-withstanding it is in that section of country where he lives.

I have been deceived by his calculations, he told me he had fine encouragements and things looked very prosperous, but I believe he has only collected about four hundred; it is possible he may get some few more but I think the prospect a bad one.

I have just returned from among those towns that I had been visiting previous to my going to Mobile they are all willing to go and are getting ready; so soon as I can see Cat Hill I shall render over them, which I can do, in a very short time.—

I have sent for him and requested him to come and decide upon something at once. I think I have enough to make a party sufficiently large to start with,—

I could have collected mine three weeks ago if he had been ready— I have never till yesterday called a team into service, but I engaged them the first thing I done and they have at all times been ready when called for.

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I told Lt Hill positively that I had engaged teams to pack
and that they were ready when they were wanted,
but he has brought into service several teams long
before he got any Indians and they have been under
pay and subsistence ever since; they are none of those
that I engaged, I believe he took them from Centreville,
Any accounts will show what were employed by him
I have incurred no expense myself of any consequence
The Lt has had all the Asst. Agents with him six
or seven I have understood.
I have had one man as Asst Conr, at $2,50 per day
and an Interpreter, that is all.

On my way to Mobile the stage turned over and cripple'd
me but in a few days I got so I could ride about and attend to business
As I passed by a place, called Fort Hill, I saw on the encampment
Lt Hill had made there was an enrolling agent and
an Asst Agent, an Interpreter and two fine horse teams
and they had been there about three weeks they told me
had enrolled but one Indian; I immediately wrote to
Lt Hill the unnecessary expense he was incurring without
any prospect and he told me he would break it up
immediately. I advised with the agent the best mode of
collecting them but he got there encampments in his head
and established them and appointed agents to them before
he got any Indians. They have appeared to me, to adopt
the same plan they would to enlist soldiers.

I have had to feed about 170 Indians for about two or three
weeks, they were some poor families that were scattered along
way apart and had no means of subsisting and teams could
not get to them, they said they were ready, and I told them

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to pack their own plunder to this place and I would give them rations till the emigration was nearly to start, this is all the subsistence I have paid for on account of my own movements. When Col Hill and myself separated, he went into one part of the Nation and the other an I did not see him for three or four weeks, he had some business at Centreville that detained him there and before he returned he had adopted the plan of encampments and from what he told me I thought he was going to succeed very well, but he was led away by taking the advice of people who wanted employ and had come to sell, and when he stated to me what people in the nation had told him, I requested him not to pay any attention to their plans but adopt the ones laid down in our instructions which were the most economical and more of success.

Col Hill will be here in a couple of days and in my next communication I shall endeavor, if practicable, to give you the number that will emigrate this year, if any

I have appointed William Armstrong at different times of our success so he may know what to depend on

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt
John Page
Capt Commanding Cavalry

Brig Genl G. Gibson
Comdg Genl Dept
Washington

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Capt. John Page

Fort Mitchel Dec 3 1834

The number of the fall emigration is only six or seven Hundred.

In the Spring the Indians will willingly remove.

Col Hill has appointed Agents enough to manage 10,000 though he has collected only 286. &c

Recd. 13. Dec

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Recd. 13 Dec.

Fort Mitchell Ala
30th December 1834

Sir

I have the honor to report to You that the whole Number of Indian Men shall Emigrate this fall will not Exceed Six or Seven hundred Col. Hill arrived here on the 10th Nov. after an absence of four weeks in the upper part of the Nation and sent about two hundred & Eighty six at or Near Centerville Ala. there to remain until the few in this vicinity could join them I had never un=derstood them and of Course they had to be collected after his return our prospect being dull and I presum=ed unless he met with better success than he had that he would give it up for the present time as our instructions say from two to five thousand I could not tell or know whether it was his intention to start with so small a party which are now nearly all collected & will start in two or three days he had no reason to depend on me to make up a party sufficient to make it an object to emigrate this fall; one month ago I could have started from this place a much larger number than I now shall & I tell him they were strongly opposed to emigrating this fall as the season was so far advanced what few are going are generally very poor and destitute of clothing and it would be a humane act to give it up until Spring

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When if the proper Measures are taken they would Emigrate very willingly I know of seven hundred out of twenty odd thousand was no Object. I believe he has appointed Apt. Agents Enough and has them Stationed in the upper part of the Nation to have Emigrated ten thousand and all they have collected from what I can learn are 260 I do not know what Number of Allis' Agents he has got but I know of Eight or Nine & they are all with his Small Party at or Near Centerville unless he has discharged them. Except Mr Sommerville who is bringing in Camp those I have been among. Col Hill is also with him; I returned from the Nation a few days since and Expected Col Hill would have been here before this he shall not get to Tuscaloosa till Jany. probably the 20th

With respect I am
Your Most Obt Servt.

John Page
C. to Indians Agent

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl Subsist.

Emig 80. Creeks

Capt. Stehr Page
Fort Mitchel 4th Dec 1834

Sends a contract &c.

Has informed Genl Armstrong of the number that will remove this fall, which is about 6 or 700.

Owing to the great influx emigrants corn & meal are high.

Recd. 13th Dec.

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Ra. Baker

Fort Mitchell Alabama
4th December 1836

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith an extract of agreement and a bond to furnish the emigrating Creek Indians with Rations &c from this place to Memphis Tennessee

The lowest bid was J C Twitty, he was not a responsible man and could not give any security. Henry was the next but finding the prospect so dull and believing the number would be small and corn so high that he declined giving bond unless I would ensure him a certain number would emigrate this fall, which I could not comply with. Alexander Robertson was the next lowest and consented to take the contract but he thought the number would be larger than it will be. Corn cannot be purchased on the road between this place and Montgomery short of one dollar and more. Frequent $1,25 per bushel the new settlers are moving in the Nation so rapidly that the market for corn and hay and every thing else &c. I shall endeavor to get along as economical as possible, but it is a bitter time the fall the frost has destroyed the grass for horses, and my fears to procure horses must necessarily be much

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question that it would have been six weeks ago. There is no other way now than to tie them up at night and give each Indian a gallon of corn for his horse; but every equinoxial storm or any frost shall be used & have assembled Williams remonstrates the probable number that will migrate this fall.

We shall have in all six or seven hundred and more cannot be had this fall the weather is getting so cold they are unwilling to attempt the journey. One month ago many more could have been started but the time has passed for the present season. So soon as I can get started I will inform you.

With respect
I have the honor
to be your obt Servt
John Page
Capt & disbursing Agent

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl Sth
Washington

Evening 81 Creek

Capt. John Page
Fort Mitchell Dec. 5. 1834

As nothing more can be done at present; he will take on the small party under which he has.

Complains of the improvidence of Col. Hill - has sent to him the communication forwarded for him

Will attend to the instructions in letter 19th as to further proceedings, if he goes through Montgomery

Rec'd 16. Dec.

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Rec'd Dec. 16.

Fort Mitchell Ala
5th December 1834

Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of Yours of the 19th and 20th November last Col. Hill is not here although in my last Communication I Expected him here Every hour but still he does not come I have sent the Communication to him

As the Indians now stands I am unable to prolong the Emigration any longer for the sake of Getting a few more at this time as the party I spoke of that Col. Hill Had sent to Centerville there to wait till the Party goes from this place could join them had Having already brought into Camps Nearly all that will go from this point it is Impracticable to start with what we have as soon as possible I know not the number of teams he has he has got Employed with that party I have asked him but he did not appear to know himself it is two Hundred Miles from this where the advance party is I shall pay them off on his Certificate of the hire of all the teams previous to the 14th or 15 of Nov. were ordered into service by him Contrary to my Knowledge or wish for I told him several times that I had made every arrangement for teams when they were wanted and were at my Command without any Expence to the Government Whenever I had a Chance to see Col Hill I told him he was not aware of the Expence the

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He was incurring Without I ~~that~~ ~~prospect~~ and I at
all times told him his instructions injoined it on
me to try the Experiment Without incurring unnecessary
Expence and if the Indians would not Emigrate
this Fall to report his proceedings as it was and give
it up or Start with what we Made but this answer
was never Mind I will take it all on my Shoulders
Nothing more at this Late Period can be done towards
Emigration Than take what few we have got
One Month ago we could have got off with a
much Larger Party Many who were disposed to
go this Fall have given it up in Consequence of the
Cold Weather I shall take on with as Little Expence
as possible the Small party I have in Charge
as I pass through Montgomery I will Look at the Public
Property your Letter of the 19th speaks of and act accor-
dingly

I have the Honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John Page
Capt & Asst Q M Genl

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Com Genl Subsist
Washington DC

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No. 7 Cap. Tenn.

Abstract of Disbursements on account of Subsistance

$4663.95

Emigrating Creeks

1834

Creek

**ABSTRACT OF DISBURSEMENTS** *on Account of Subsistence by the removal and Subsistence of* **Indians,** *in the ~~Quarter ending~~ the From*

| DATE. | Number of Voucher. | TO WHOM PAID. | PORK. Barrels. | PORK. lbs. | BEEVES. Number & estimated Wgt. | | Slaughtered Beef Pounds. | [illegible] Barrels. | [illegible] | Co |
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| Septr 1st | 1 | E. Johnson | | | | | 493 | | | |
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| | 3/4 | John T. Ridley | | | | | | | | |
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| | 6 | M. McRey | | | | | | | | |
| | 7 | Mark E. Thom | | | | | | | | |
| | 8 | Jno Stidham | | | | | 1841 | | | |
| | 9 | James Sutton | | | | | | | | |
| | 10 | Col Alex Hill | | | | | | | | |
| | 11 | Matthew Arnett | | | | | 2995 | | | |
| | 12 | Duska McIsaw | | | | | | | | |
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**Note.**—*When any change is made for which there is no* **Head,** *to wit, for* **Transportation,** *it may be described in the Space for* **Remarks**

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Capt. John Page Disbursing Agent of the United States for
1st day of September 1834 10th March 1835

| Meal. | CORN. | | SALT. | | RATIONS. | | | AMOUNT. | |
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**ertify on Honor,** *that the above Abstract is just and true.*

John Page
Disbursing Agent
Creek Rem'l

The United States

1834 To James Woodruff Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 17th | To 4 Bushels Corn Bought & delivered to Lockamaster at 50 Cts per Bush | 3 | $2.00 |
| do do | To 7 Rations for Indians at 5 Cts per Ration | 3 | " 50 |
| do do | To 5 Quarts of Salt | | " 62½ |
| | | | $3.12½ |

I certify on honor the above account is correct as above stated. Dec.r 17th 1834.

James Woodruff

Capt John Page Disbursing agent

Pay the above account as it stands stated. Dec.r 17th 1834

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Received the above account in full to date 26th December 1834

James Woodruff

duplicate

Lt. J. R. Stephenson's

Receipt

to Wharton Rector

for $8,000 =

(Cattle fund) July 8. 1834

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Received Fort Towson West of Ark. Ty. July 8th. 1834. of Col. Wharton Rector Agt. Agt. Ind. Remd. Eight thousand Dollars, on account of the purchase of Cattle to be turned over to the Choctaws in lieu of such as were received from them in the years 1832 and 1833.

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1834-6 CREEK (EMIGRATION) CAPT JOHN PAGE, DISB. AGENT (NARRATIVE OF EMIGRATION IN 1834 WITH STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES)

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Emig Creek

Note. The enclosed bill of Mr. Sayre for storage is on file 416

Emig 84. Creeks

Muskogee Jan. 1851

Capt. John Page
Columbus G. Comy.

Has rec.d letter of 13th Dec.r ult. sent the communication from Col. Hill as soon as received.

Col Hill has been very extravagant in contracting debts. His agts & many claimants have already been paid.

Has only 530 Emigrants on the way. – Is much retarded by bad weather & bad roads, &c

Found the public property stored at Montgomery's in good order – One box of rifles had been taken away which the owner of the house promised to return – He advises to send the goods to some point where they may be wanted.

Rec.d 23. Comy:

Mr. Page
Comy. Gen.l Inds
J. Washington

Mr. Page
Please return to me
Yrs. &c
John Drew
Sub Agent

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Recd. Jany 23d.

Columbus Mississippi
6th January 1865

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 13th of last month. Your letter apprising me of the discontinuance of Cat Hill was acknowledged immediately on the receipt of it, but I discovered it must have been in the Post office five or three days before I got it, notwithstanding I sent to the office every day the Post Master had left his business with a Clerk who probably did not know where to look for them. I dispatched the communications immediately to Cat Hill as directed and on his arrival started the Indians the next day. the cold weather caused many of those who assembled for the purpose of emigrating to leave us and return to their towns again, Cat Hill put off the time for starting so long, they were getting impatient; and on the receipt of your letter I started forty with. I have only 45-90 and a good many of them are in a miserable situation to move in the cold weather. I have found it almost impossible to get along, the roads are almost impassible. we have laboured from day light till long after dark to get some days 6 miles, the waters are up and the bridges swept off. and it has rained and hailed almost every day since I left Fort Mitchell, the only thing I have to console me is that we may have some fair weather after a while 413

All the Asst. Agents were discharged agreeable to your instructions. I continued with Sommerville till I got to this place as I coupled not be with the party for many days having to settle the debts Capt Hill contracted throughout the Nation, I thought have paid as many as my enrolling Agents and a great many teams and other persons employed I knew he had been extravagant but had no idea to what amount till I arrived at Centreville, and the amounts I had to settle were more trouble than the whole Choctaw emigration and all were accommodated by Cap Hill as you will see when my accounts are rendered. I shall continue with Sommerville at $8 50 per day. All the persons I shall have to apportion will be at that price. It is probable Capt Hunter may continue with me till I get to Memphis. I shall incur as little expense as possible. but the cold weather is so severe on the little children and old persons and some of them nearly naked that they would perish if they were not attended to. we have to stop the waggons to take the children out and warm them and put them back again many times in a day I send a head and have fires built for this purpose, I wrap them in tents and any thing I can get hold of to keep them from freezing; fire on rise in each waggon constantly. ongoing in consequence of suffering with cold. I am some times at a stand to know how to get along under existing circumstances. - When I get to Memphis I shall

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I shall adopt some plan to get them on board of steamboats and send their Horses through the Swamp.— What number I can get on board of the boats I do not know as yet, not having named it to them, but I think they will suffer so much before they get to Memphis they will be willing to take the boats

Agreeable to instructions I examined the Public property stored in Montgomery, 30, Boxes of Rifles all in ~~good~~ order I examined two boxes and found they not dirty wanted any cleaning, they were as bright as when they were put up. One Box had been opened the rifles taken out, I requested the owner of the building to account for them and he said he would, the balance of the boxes were in good order. There was also a very large bale of blankets well put up also two Boxes I presumed contained domestics. they were so well packed I did not open them as I was convinced they were in good order and better secured from the weather than they could, if they were repacked

I enclose you a Bill of the stoneware as rendered They are in good order, but to sell them at Auction they would bring but little. I think they would well pay the Government to ship the articles to any point they may see wanted

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The United States

To James Shelton Dr:

| Date | | Dolls | Cents |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1834. | | | |
| Nov 11. | To forage for 1 work horses for 1 day 4 bush corn @ 53⅓ cts | 2 | 53⅓ |
| 12 & 14 | To 131 Rations for Indians at 5½ cts per Ration for 2 days | 14 | 41 |
| 12 & 14 | To forage for 29 work horses for two days 14½ Bush. corn @ 193⅓ lbs fodder | 9 | 18⅓ |
| 12 & 14 | To 10 Ponies forage for 2 days making 2½ Bushels corn | 1 | 25 |
| 15 & 16 | To forage for 71 Ponies 2 days | 8 | 8½ |
| 15 & 16 | To two hundred Eight Indians Rations complete for 2 days | 22 | 88 |
| 15 & 16 | To forage for 30 work horses 15 bushels @ 30 lbs fodder | 9 | 30 |
| " 16 | To Rations for 3 Indians one day | " | 2½ |
| 17 & 18 | To forage for 30 work horses 15 bushels corn @ 30 lbs fodder | 9 | 30 |
| 17 & 18 | To Rations for two hundred & thirteen Indians for 2 days @ 5½ p. ration | 23 | 43 |
| 17 & 18 | To forage for 71 Ponies 2 days | 8 | 8½ |
| 19 & 20 | To Rations for two hundred and fifteen Indians for 2 days @ 5½ p. ration | 23 | 65 |
| 19 & 20 | To forage for 21 work horses 2 days 10½ bush. @ 141 lbs fodder | 6 | 65 |
| 19 & 20 | To Rations for thirty four Indians 2 days at 5½ per ration | 3 | 74 |
| " 19th | To forage for 9 work horses for for 1 day 2 bush 1 Peck corn and 30 lbs fodder | 1 | 42½ |
| | | 146 | 17½ |

Carried forward

95 Emig Creek

Capt. J. Page
Ft. Mitchell 25 apl. 1835

Reports his arrival at Ft. Mitchell Alabama. and gives an account of his emigration of the Creeks in 1834-'5.

Explanatory of his disbursements also

Rec'd 8. May

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Rec'd 8 May

Fort Mitchell Ala
25th April 1835

Sir

I have the honor to report my arrival at this place Last Evening after a journey of twenty Eight days from Pearl River I should have reported my arrival at that place but there was no Mail I started the next day in a Flat Boat as it was the only Conveyance, the Low Stage of the Water prevented Steam Boats from ascending the river; I was thirteen days getting to Little Rock when I met with a Steam Boat, I Brought the Mail with me to New Orleans, I did not stop an hour there but proceeded to Mobile where I Consulted with Maj Hogan, not finding any instructions for me at that place he thought it advisable for me to proceed to this place as he was about Leaving there himself I could not render my accounts in Season to accompany this

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and this was the place where he wished to Consult me, at the same time I was making up my accounts; — they shall be forwarded as soon as I can possibly make them out. We suffered very much in Consequence of the severity of the Winter the people of Arkansas admit they never witnessed anything like it before. I never Layed by one day untill it was in Consequence of high water where it could not be bridged. Places where people moving with large Numbers of Slaves have been Laying by for Seven or Eight days in Consequence of high water and Cold weather I Cleared through without any detention other was One days March of 17 Miles we had to make with the Choctaws in Consequence of the scarcity of water and could not find any place short of that distance where we could Encamp, this Year we were three days going it had to build two Bridges, so You can see the improperity of moving Indians in the winter season and I assure You that we never left every Morning let the weather be what it would

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preparing for a start and worked
hard and suffered much from day
light untill sun down to get six and
sometime ten miles, it rained snowed
or hailed almost every day and freezing
at the same time. we were compelled
to thaw the tents & blankets before we could
roll them up to put them in the wagg-
one in the morning, the Indian children
and sick Indian had to go in the
waggone on top of their baggage and
to prevent them from freezing we were
compelled to have fires along the road
and take them out and warm them, dry
their blankets that were wrapped round them
and replace them again in the waggon
strict attention had to be paid to this or
some must inevitably have finished and
there was a continual crying from
morning untill night with the children
I used to encourage them by saying that
the weather would moderate in a
few days and it would be warm
but it never happened during the whole
trip on the 9th March, when we were
about one hundred & fifty miles from

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Col Gibson we had a very severe snow
Storm and the roads were impassable
for all Carriges of Every description
Except those Employed in the Emigra
tion I do not recollect of Meeting
any thing but one or two Sleigh Carts
and they gave it up. When they struck
the roads that we came over, there
was Nothing but Crying out Waggons
from Morning until night I am well
aware it was not the intention of the
Govt. the Emigration should take place
in the winter season but the delay of
Col Gill Caused it to be so I endeavored
to get him to suspend it until Spring
as he was deviating from his instructions
by Starting with so few. but he had
Started Two hundred & thirty or forty
and directed them to Stop at Canterville
Consequently it was too Late to suspend
the Emigration I sent the Indian horses through
the Mill Swamp with seventy Two Indians
in Charge of Mr Brattie, some places he
Cut the ice sufficiently wide to drive
them through other places
was so wide they had to tie their Legs

and fell them over, this was the only way they could get through unless they laid by some time or fifteen days till the ice might thaw I started in the Boat and when I got into the Arkansas River it was frozen over and detained me some days there was only about five miles the river was frozen to the ice entirely stopped I were to work & fell trees in the river to start the ice and run the Boat into it and cut off cake at a time and in two days and a half we worked our way through and with much difficulty attended as far as Little Rock. I should have returned back immediately and gone up White River and landed at Rock Roe but I ascertained that was frozen up also consequently there was but one plane to adopt that was to go through the ice the best way I could. There was not an Indian frozen to death but a considerable number Chiefs blank and I had to have them carried the whole distance after it occured. They were all getting well when I left them

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the influenza was prevailing in Arkansas by
and as many as six or seven in a family
and it soon got amongst the Indians
but we lost but three or four of that
complaint and in fact the whole party
was remarkably healthy considering our
situation. I am well convinced if
we had attempted to have said by
in consequence of ~~the uncertainty~~ the
weather that one half would have died
of that complaint it proved so fatal
with the inhabitants when I called at
a house and found almost every mem-
ber of the family down with this disease
I was convinced nothing kept it from
us but being constantly on the move
and exposed to the severity of the
weather. The expences of this ~~emigration~~ has
been enormous I got fifty thousand Dollars
out of Bank in Mobile and when I arri-
ved at Tuscaloosa I did not like to
carry so much money the risk was
too great so I deposited in the
Bank in that place 20,000, as Col.
Hill told me the debts were not much
but when I came to pay off I found

them Enormous I thought with thirty Thou=sand Dollars I could turn over to Capt Brown the amt. audited and have a considerable sum Left but all I could spare was $2500 or 3000 $ I do not recco=llect if I was compelled to draw on the $20,000 that I left in the bank I think it has cost the rise of $60. a head to get the Little Rock to Iowa as I render my accounts You will see how the Money is Expended, I shall have the amt. transferred from Tuscaloosa to Montgomery where I can draw for the money as I want it I will send in a day or two the Muster roll I shall loose no time in rendering my accounts. I have received Your Circular of 31st March at Mobile

My Gen. Wilson
Com'd Gen. Subst.
Washington City

with Respect I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt
John Page Capt &c
Sinking Agent
Cherk Removal



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Rec'd 21st May.

Fort Mitchell Ala
18th May 1835

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith my accounts for expenditures in the East Creek Emigration. The expenditures are enormous but you will perceive it is by the mismanagement of the superintendent Capt Hill. The teachers will show for themselves. I was ignoring to teams aides teamsters as also guides and nearly two months longer than was necessary. Capt Hill sent three teams here to report to me and requested me to forage them. I of course acquainted the instructions of the regulations compelling me to do so. [redacted] he had at no contemplation for a month in the course of ten days he went off to Centreville & did not see him again for about a month & then I wrote to him it was necessary to come to some conclusion either to suspend the operations until spring or make a move as I was convinced he could not comply with his instructions to move a party not less than two thousand



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I collected two hundred & sixty Indians myself
the ballance with all the assistance of his
agents he collected which were enough to
make the rise of five hundred —
You can readily see what measures he took
to collect this small number and the
expence he incurred in doing it, he had teams
& agents scattered all through the country
I told him it was contrary to all rules and
regulations and that I did not believe he
would be sustained in it, but he told
me that Genl Gibson understood his plans
and that he would stand the test for
all his own acts I reported from time
to time about his movements and it
was all I could do about it.
the length of time I was performing
the journey after I got under way
was much greater than it would have
been at any other season of the year
consequently the subsistance and transport-
ation was much more expensive.
I laboured early and late to get them
to their New-Country. I never did witness



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or Experience any thing to Equal the Scenes of the trip in My Life and hope it will Never be My Lot to do it again. Many Persons pronounced it Murder in the Highest degree for me to move Indians or Compell them to March in Such Severe weather when they * were dyeing Every day with the influenza; but I am well Convinced it was the only thing that Kept them alive Notwithstanding the Exposure. I hope my accounts will be taken up soon as practicable as I am anxious to know the result. Col. Reilly accounts gave a great deal of trouble. I worked Night and day at Centerville and at Tuscaloosa, the persons he imployed followed me to the Latter place before I got through with them I left numerous accounts behind that I positively refused and would have Nothing to do with them and Stated to Col Hill it was useless to follow me any further as I would pay no more I kept paying when he told me I was Most through I presume

* the people, not the indians - see Capt P's letters 21 Oct &c)



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Such accts. with Disbursements as have been submitted to me by the Subscribers.

Wm. Mitchell
Sub Agent the Lower Creek
Tuckabatchee Sept.

John E. Wise
Sub Agent
Chas. B. Phillips
Sub Agent
Chas. Rich.

Rec'd. 21. May.

100 Emig. Creeks

Capt. J. Page
Ft. Mitchell 1. May 1835

Forwards his accts for Dist. in the Creek removal of 1834. — Explanatory of those accounts

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Rec'd 8 May

Fort Mitchell Ala
27th April 1838

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith a Muster roll of the Creek Emigrants of last year I have marked a number as deceased, some left before the Emigration started, they were encamped in long and bold weather approaching they determined to suspend their movements until another year. I lost a considerable number in the Chickasaw Nation the interpreter informed me a number of Emigrants were about to leave the Party I called them together and had a talk with them they stated that they had agreed to go with Col. Hill as far as the Chickasaw Nation and that they had fulfilled their contract and Col. Hill told them they may not go any farther they called up several Indians to prove their assertions I explained to them the injury they would sustain by remaining in the Chickasaw Nation and that the Chickasaw were over.

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in great trouble themselves they Continued to go on but in a day or two they Slipt off in the Night. — Several others left when they found they were not to recieve their Rifles & Blankets at Memphis Eufaulay Hajo (their Chief) said Col. Hill promised them they should recieve them at Memphis as also Col. Hills Interpreter States the same thing and a great may other promises they said he made them. and what they called on me for repeatedly I told them what they might expend or and what they would recieve when they got to their New Country. some of them appeared to be much ~~dissatisfied~~ ~~appeared~~ the promises made to them were not fulfilled. after I arrived at Centerville I Enrolled the Indians, Col. Hill had them as he now had done it, he had no roll to turn over to me but said there they are and I have counted them and they are all present but when I Enrolled them I could not find the number and I think I paid from thirteen to fifteen Enrolling Agts. I was directed to State or designate in

the Muster roll the warrior. there is Mr Colum for the warrior, and again if I had done it according to my judgement probably the Agents being shown the Rifles might agree with my judgement, it requires a considerable investigation to ascertain who are actually entitled to Rifles and who are not, if I had designated them on the rolls I am convinced many would have been presented that in my opinion were not entitled to Rifles probably they would make such statements the persons seeing the Rifles as to convince them they they were entitled to receive them agreeable to the treaty, I assisted in issuing the Rifles to the Choctaws and they or the person were selected as judges and many young men that we rejected the Chiefs and their relations proved to our satisfaction that they were entitled to a rifle and others who we thought were entitled to a rifle they proved they from that they were not. this was borne at by their being a little jealous at the time and reproaches each other

there is no place at present the different orders of the Department to be correct as to the number of persons entitled to receive them

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully Your Obt. Servt.
Thos. Hartley Crawford
Commissioner

Hon. John C. Calhoun
Secretary of War
Washington City

96. Ewing Creeks

Capt. J. Page
Fort Mitchell 27 apl. 1835

Forwards a Muster Roll of the Creek Emigrants

Discrepancies of a previous designation with roll of those who are entitled to presents.

Recd. 8 May

**MUSTER ROLL** of a Company of Creek **INDIANS** who have c
upon their land 28th march 1835 Sur

| NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES. NOTE.—The Names of Individuals, not belonging to any Family, will be distinguished by an (*) | NUMBERS AND AGES OF INDIANS. MALES. Under 10. | MALES. Of 10, and under 25. | MALES. Of 25, And under 50. | MALES. Over 50. | FEMALES. Under 10. | FEMALES. Of 10, And under 25. | FEMALES. Of 25, And under 50. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Grayson | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 1 |
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| William Shirly | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Sampson Grayson's (negroes) | | | | | | | |
| Charles (Mulatto) | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| Sally Hays | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Nar-both-che E Mathla | | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| Har-lock Fixico | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Har-le-E Mathla | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | |
| Mult-lah-be | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Oak-pis-ke-Yoakola | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Ar-chu-le-E Mathla | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| O-ne-har-Fixico | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ste-ho ya | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| E-ne-ho ya | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Jus-ke-e-ne-har | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Choak-chart-Fixico | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Kith-lock-en-ge | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | |

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| Oy-ge-de Youkola | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Yorkin Harjo | | | 2 | | | 1 | 1 |
| Ko-kos Fixico | | | 1 | | | | |
| Nah-bo-che-Ekathla | 3 | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Osi-Harjo | | | 1 | | | | |
| Powis-Youkola | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Echo-Youkola | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| Nar-both-che-Harjo | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Ind-de-hope-ke- | 1 | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Tem-mah-lat-ho-ge | | | | | | 2 | |
| Pen-Harjo | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Justten-mug-gee | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | 1 |
| Muf-o-ga-che | | 1 | | | | | |
| Par-he-lus-ti Fixico | | 1 | | | | | |
| Tal-y-Harjo | 2 | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| Kotch-ar-Fixico | 2 | | 1 | | 2 | | 1 |
| Echo-Harjo | | | 1 | | | | |
| Kon-chark-te-Fixico | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Kon-tat-le-Harjo | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Har-lock-Fixico | 2 | | 1 | | | 2 | 1 |
| Spos-gee-Youkola | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Osach-Harjo | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Me-gis-te-Ekathla | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Che-was-te-Fixico (or Barney) | 2 | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Chu-poc-go Harjo | | 1 | | | | | |
| Mah-le-hat-che | | 1 | | | | | |

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1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) ALEX.HILL (ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT OF AGENT OF EMIGRATION WITH REPORTS OF PROGRESS)

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July 11th 1834

Colo. Alexr. Hill
Bibb County
Ala

Appointment of Supt. of
Creek Reml. East of Ktchfe
By War Department

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Department of War
Washington - July 11th 1834.

To
Colo
Alexander Hill
Bibb County Alabama
(sent to Hon: Mr Mardis)

Sir,

You are hereby appointed Special Agent to superintend the Emigration of Creek Indians.

Your duties will be confined to the East of the Mississippi.

Your Compensation will be two Thousand dollars per Annum to commence from the date of your being placed on duty by the Commissary Genl of Subsistence to whom you will report and from whom you will receive specific instructions.

Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
(Signed) L. C.

Ref. Aug 28 Creek

Alex. Hill

Centreville Aug. 18th 1834

Acknowledging the reception of his appointment in Ind. Rend.

Centreville ala
Aug 12

Lewis Cass Esq.
Secretary of War
Washington City
D.C.

Indian Affairs

Emigrating Office
Cherokee Subsistence
23 August 1834

Ref. 23. Aug. 34

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Recd Aug. 23.

Centreville August 8th 1834

Lewis Cass Esqr

Dear Sir I take this opportunity of informing you that your documents of the 15th ult informing me of my appointment to the office of Creek agent came to hand on the 5th inst I shall immediately repair to nation to ascertain the situation and disposition of that tribe of Indians which I expect to be aided by (Capt Jno Page as many) assoon as I can effect that object you shall hear from me again

Yours with due respect &c

Alexander Hill

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Emig 46. Creek

A. Hill

Coweta, Chambers County
18th Oct. 1834.

The enrolment of Inds:
progresses slowly. &c

Thos. L. Williams

Gen. Geo. Gilmer, Esq.
Commissioner of Indian
Emigration & Indian
Commissioner Elmore County
Ala.

Recd 28 Oct.

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Recd 24th Oct

Coweta. Chambers County
Octo. 18th 1834

To Geo. Gibson
Emigration of Indians
Commissary General of
Subsistence -
Washington City

Sir, I have received your letter of the 19th of Sept, and agreable to your request shall give you a brief account of my movements & prospects. I attended the meeting of the Indians at their Council to receive their annuity, this was later than I had expected, I there explained to the Chiefs & Head men of the Nation, my motives & plan for their Emmigration, together with the wishes & good feelings of the Government in regard to their removal. The annuity was but partially paid, the Upper Creeks received their Individual but the lower Creeks was undivided untill the 25th of this Inst. when I expect again to attend in person. I have found it necessary to appoint several Enrolling Clerks, and stationed them at the several Towns, which I conceived to be the best means to hasten the Emmigration.

Colo. William Hunter one of my assistants is in the upper Towns from whom I expect you have heard.

Many difficulties present themselves which

operate to retard the Enrolment, some of the chiefs, particularly Tuckabatchee Haio the Head of the Capitans, and whose influence extends in a great degree over the Lower Indians, labouring incessantly, using every exertion to prevent & procrastinate the Emmigration, presenting to the Indians to the Indians terrors, which have no existence, this is more or less the case with most of the Chiefs.

The arrival of the Rectifying Agent (Colo Meigs) has had a prejudicial effect upon the minds of the Indians, it is rumored among them, that he is Authorized by the Government to restore to the Indians who have sold their Lands, I find this also a great check, but I am in hopes this in a few days will be removed.

The Enrolment progresses much slower than I had anticipated, but I am & shall labour diligently to remove all difficulties, & meet the wishes & expectations of the Government, with a view particularly to Economy.

Respectfully
Yo Obt. Servt.
Alex. Hill. S. C. R.



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Genig 1440 Creek

A. Hall

Fort Mitchell 12 Sept 1834

Col. Hogan having declined to receive the appointment offered him Mr. Sommerville has been appointed which appt. he wishes may be confirmed

I think, from 3 to 5000 Ind.s will be enrolled this Fall. Other funds &c

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Recd. 24 Sept.

Fort Mitchell 19th Sept 1836

Sir

Agreeable to your instructions Received some time since, I informed Colo. John B. Hogan of his appointment as assistant agent in the Removal of the Creek Tribe of Indians and Requested him to Report himself to myself or Capt. Page at this place forthwith. I have just Received his letter in answer to mine informing him of his appointment in which he informed me that he will not accept of the appointment of assistant agent upon the Reception of which I immediately appointed Mr. Alex. H. Commerville to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the non acceptance of Colo. Hogan Mr. Commerville is well acquainted with the country and also with the Indian character and is well qualified to fill the appointment of assistant agent he was for some time engaged in the Removal of the emigrating Chickasaws Capt. Page is well acquainted with the manner in which he transacted his business during their Removal and earnestly Requested that he should be appointed to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the non acceptance of Colo. Hogan. Therefore you will please confirm his appointment if as soon as possible. If you should think proper to do so you will please date his appointment from the 17th of August as he has been acting as assistant agent to me since that date and

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it gives me much pleasure to state to you that he has discharged all the duties confided to him to my entire satisfaction I am confident that as perseverance more zeal and promptness in the discharge of all business intrusted to him It is my earnest Request that Mr. Commerville should be appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the non acceptance of Colo. Hogan —

The prospect of emigration at this time is quite flattering I think I shall be enabled to enroll from three to four and perhaps five thousand Indians for Emigration this fall. I shall be Retained something longer in making a start with the Indians owing entirely to the very late time in the fall which their annuity is to be paid to them agreeable to the notice of the agent it is to be paid on the 15th ~~November~~ October ninth of ~~November~~ October. It will be impossible to start them until after they Receive their annuity — we are much in want of the Blank Muster Rolls and all other Blanks appertaining to the Emigration of the Indians. these are I am sorry to say some head men in the Nation very much opposed to Removing — but I think these objections will eventually be overcome [redacted] may Rest assured Sir that I shall prosecute in my business with all possible dispatch I have not as yet Received the assistance of Colo. Hunter the gentleman that was

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appointed to assist me in the emigration
I only learnt a few days since where
to address him at. I shall do so as soon as
possible. Capt. Page has informed me that as
yet he has received no funds to proceed
with the emigration. It is necessary to
enable us to proceed with the emigration
that funds should be forwarded immediately
to Capt. Page. I shall leave with Mr.
Commissioner in the morning for the
upper part of the Nation. Lay near the
Cherokee line

I Remain Respectfully
your obt. Servt.
Alexander Hill
Supt. Int. Rem. of Amer
of Indians East Miss.

To the
~~Commissioner of Indian Affairs~~
~~Secretary of the Interior~~
~~Washington~~
Washington City

Emig 38. Creek

A. Hill
Mardisville
Aug. 30th 1834

Has commenced duty and visited most of the Indian Towns, met better success than he expected. Expects to enroll from 3 to 4 hundred, perhaps 5000 hd. by 1st Oct. Wishes 1 blank roll, to be sent by

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Rec'd 1/ 9th

Mardiesville 30th August 1836

Sir

Agreeable to instructions Received from the department some time since, I proceeded forth with to the Nation to commence on the duties of my office. & ascertaining the feeling of the Indians as near as possible in Regard to emigrating, i have now nearly completed my tour of visiting all the Indian towns in the Nation. and have also seen almost all the head men of the different towns. I have yet a few to go to. so far I have met with better encouragement than I expected. I shall be enabled to enroll from three to four and perhaps five thousand Indians for Emmigration as soon as possible. say by the first of October. therefore you will please forward immediately to this place and also to Fort Mitchell the Blank Rolls so as to enable me to commence — enrolling the Indians as soon as possible you will also forward to Fort Mitchel all other Blanks concerning the emmigration of the Indians

I Remain Respectfully your obt Servt

Alexander Hill
Sup Intt Remv of Chctas of Indians. Ewt Mission

To the Commissary Genl of Subsistence Washington City

Emig 35 Creek

J. Neff

Fort Mitchel

Aug. 22d 1834

The prospects of an Emigration are flattering.

Capt. Page had arrived at Fort Mitchel

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Rec'd & Filed Fort Mitchell 23d August 1834

Sir

I arrived here on yesterday by the way of the Tuckabatchee towns, and had an interview with Opothaleahola the principal chief of the towns. Respecting the emigration of the Indians his opinion is rather discouraging in that part of the nation, I think he is opposed to the emigration, I met Capt Page at this place who arrived here some days since. I intend in conjunction with Capt Page to call a council of the head men of all the lower towns in the nation in a few days at which time I can give you a more correct opinion of the number that will probably emigrate this fall the prospect at this time I think is quite flattering in this part of the nation of collecting a respectable number of emigrants you may rest assured that every exertion in my power shall be made use of to facillitate the business

Respectfully your
Obt Servt
Alexr Lydill
Chiefs Interpr Rem of Indians

To the
Commissary
Genl of Subsistence
Washington City

1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) W.SAYRE (REL TO GOODS OF U.S.LEFT WITH HIM BY COL.BREARLEY)

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68. Emig – Creek
Referred 126.

W. Sayre

Montgomery 30th Sept 1834

Speaking of certain goods
belonging to the U States
left in his possession
by Col. Brearly &c.

17 Nov. '34

Letter to
Gen. Lane &
A. Hunt

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Referred by Secy of War Nov 17

(Copy)

William Stuart Esq.

Montgomery Sept. 30. 1834 (Alabama)

Dear Sir, Your favor of the 18th. instant is at hand — contents noticed. the form of M. & P. D. Sayre did receive from Col. Beasley $17.42 on the 3rd. of March 1827, which was to pay expenses then incurred, & to incur, on the goods received from New-York — on the first settlement of the a/c. connected with the goods, dont appear to amount to so much (as I have seperated it) but whether an order I paid for hire of 360 dollars, belonging to this a/c. as emigrating Agt. I cant at this distant day recollect. It is all in one a/c, and the a/c. from which the first annexed a/c. is seleted, amounts to 675 dolls. the second a/c. amounts to 252.76 which he also paid and is entirely for expenses on the same goods — the 40 dollars was paid to waggoner for hauling goods to the nation by Capt. Walkers order — if Col. Beasley only claims a credit for $17.42 it is short of the amt. paid by him. Bills were made out for them at the time of settlement, and were made right, and he ought not to have lost them. I have given you the accts. so that I presume they will be proper vouchers on settlement, the 360.40 is not included, and 2 or 3 other charges are omitted, as I do not know whether they were expenses incurred in the nation or not!! Does the Secretary at War know that goods are yet in my hands, consisting of Rifles, Blankets, and other articles to a considerable amount — which

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which were rec.d on Col. Beatty's acct. if he does not I trust you would mention it to him, and I would suggest that if there are any troops at Port Mitchell, that the Rifles had better be sent there to be cleaned, they are becoming quite rusty, and they ought to be attended to, either by the troops or some Officer in the pay of the Government – and at the same time the storage must be paid, before they are delivered – they have been here on Storage for several years, and it will now amount to a considerable sum. I have taken it for granted that from the correspondence previously had with you, that the Gov.r was aware of the Goods being here, and that he intended they should remain for the use of another Emigrating party of Indians, but unless the Rifles are used this Fall, they require attention, in any event it is necessary – and the moth may be destroying the blankets &c

Your Ob.t Servt

Sig.d W. Gayre

Note The original returned to the Secy of State E.

Nov 19. 1834

1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) JOHN SIMS (A/C FOR SERVICES IN REMOVALS)

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Ans. 136 Creeks

John Sims
Columbus Decr.
Sends his acct for
services as Capt.
in Creek Removal

Brig. Genl. George Gibson
Comy Genl.

Washington City

Recd. Jany 10.

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Recd 10 Jany 1838

United States

To John Sims

For Services as asst agent in the Creek Removal from the 29th of October to to the first of December thirty days at 4.00 pr day

$124.00

I Certify that I was appointed asst agent by Col. Hill and performed the duty during the time charged for which I have never been paid nether have I been discharged by him Col Hill Received his discharge and Left without my knowledge

Capt Page the Disbursing Officer Directed me to forward my acct to you for settlement

I here inclose my appointment Recd by Some Col Hill

Yours Obdy John Sims

Genl George Gibson

Com Genl Washington City

John Sims Esq

Sir You are hereby appointed my assistant Emigration Agent to assist Effie de Ponsi Esq at this inst

Fort Mitchell Ala 28th Octr 1836

Alexr Hill
Emigration Agent
Creek Indians

You will immediately proceed to the Creek nation and its vicinity and use all your diligence & influence to get the Indians to Emigrate bring them at the nearest point to this place and at all other points you may deem proper

Alexr Hill
Emigration Agent
Creek Indians

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1834 MISC. (EMIGRATION) SUYDAM JACKSON & CO. (RELATIVE TO BLANKETS PURCHASED BY SIMONTON)

C. 95. M.S.

Envy 101 Lincoln

Gen Alex Jackson &c.
New York 12th July 34
respecting blankets for
the Creeks - forwarded
by Lt. Simonton

Washington

Gen Alexander Jackson
Commanding Forces
Mobile Alabama

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Rec'd 15 July

New York July 12th 1834

Gen C Gibson

Sir

We have just
put up our Invoice of Blankets
for the United States, per order
of Lt Symonton, for the Creeks,
to be ship'd to New Orleans, which
will be done by the first vessel
sailing for that Port —
Hereto fore we have effected insur=
ance on Shipments made for acct
of the Government but as Lt S.
was not instructed to do so, we
will, if you direct it, have it
done —

Yours respectfully
Suydam Gardiner & Co

1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) LT.J.VAN HORNE,DISB AGENT WEST (REL.TO THE ACTIONS OF CHILLY MC INTOSH WITH EMIGRATED CREEKS & SITUATION OF THE WOMEN OF MC INTOSH

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Envy 25. Creek

Lt. J. Vanhorne

Fort Gibson 7 May 34

He writes again in explanation of certain suspicious acts of Chilly McIntosh & traders relative to the agent's supply of the Creeks, carried over by McIntosh

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Rec'd June  Fort Gibson 7th May 1834.

Sir

Since my last, I have ascertained the following additional circumstances relative to the Subsistence of Mr Intosh's party.

Peli Fevrier says that it was at Love's Store, where he was induced by Brown to sign receipts for the whole party. That none were present except Love, Brown & himself.

The principal men of the party say that, Ahani (Sally Grayson's Husband,) emigrated on his own resources. He overtook Mr Intosh's party at White river, Ark. Ter. and left them at the Dardenai, (or Dardenelle.) He rode Sally Grayson's horse. They say Mr Intosh never supplied him with any provisions either while emigrating or since; except for about two weeks while he travelled with the party as above stated. They say that Mr Intosh found some of his expenses while emigrating.

Sholan Fevrier states that he never received any rations, during the whole year; and that Mr Intosh gave him a due bill for $ 25.12½ for his year's subsistence. He states that he has traded the whole amount of this due bill at Love's Store.

Toh-ne-pi-a-che traded to the full amount of his due bill at Love's Store also.

Billy Williams received a due bill for $ 15.12½ for part of the first and the last six months subsistence. For this I now learn he received a Cow and

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calf, valued at $10; and traded for the balance at Love's store.

McIntosh's due-bills are of the following form.

$ 96.75 Due Southerland Sixty-six dollars and seventy-five cents, balance for the year of twelve months. 24 Feby 1834. (Signed) Chilly McIntosh

This is for a yoke of oxen. It is marked on the face, Paid $2 – $6.75 – $2 – $1.50 – $2 – $1. On the 5th May, it appears Love's clerk (Pennington) takes up this due-bill; and gives Sutherlay another as follows.

Give the Bearer fifteen dollars in goods. (Signed) R. Love
5th May 1834. By Pennington

In this manner many of the original due-bills of Chilly McIntosh are taken up by Love, and more payable at Love's store in goods. Some of these are signed by Love, others by Pennington for him.

These emigrants also traded at Bill's store to the amount of $20 or less on Chilly McIntosh's orders.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Wm. Gome Lieut. & Sup.
Dist. Agt. Creeks

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. Sub.

Sir  Rec'd & Filed  Gist Town  21 April 1834

Since we stand from the Creek Nation a few days since, I have endeavored to find out from the Creek Indians and Negroes the Letters lately received, and what transpires this from their Letters. I have discovered a plan of machinations, which as it implicates some persons of great power and influence may therefore subject me to their enmity; yet I deem it a sacred duty paramount to considerations of this sort, to protect the weak from the strong and conscientiously to develope the schemes of wicked and designing men which I believe intended to defeat the just aims of the government, or to deprive untutored Indians of their just rights. I feel it my right to put my trust in God and our Indian and White influence by this scheme of treachery, and to their own interest.

The Creek Indians said by Mr. McIntosh, that Mr. McIntosh deceived them in their treaty, that afterwards they received no pay. The Whites here very insolent; sometimes for six days, sometimes for a month. Chilly went a hunting before Christmas and left Sam Brown his brother as agent. Brown left them for a while, after which they no longer received either beef or corn. They began to beg of their neighbours. This is probably exaggerated by them.

Jacob Brown says that the Indian Agent pay for expense in driving out the Negroes and for detaining them on the road, and some 10 weeks, (when they arrived, until 12 wks. (when she arrived) The

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[illegible] that this [illegible] seems more than twelve days earlier of [illegible] [illegible]. That is, the commission of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

are in a starving condition, and can get no corn nor meat. Being Merchants
it would be well for Government. For the two acts are connected together
in such a manner as understood. They have both been partners, and still have
dealings together. Mr. P. is a man of high standing and great influence.
He has written, been consulted in the passing establishment of Mr. Stearns
was entirely by the Debtors. They have great influence in the Nation. Gen.
Campbell told me that he informed Gov. Stearns that he had no business, and
must leave the nation. When I first arrived here, the agent was absent,
was proceeding into the Green country to ascertain their number, & what time the
Indians were distributed, in order to contract for supplying them, when Gov.
Stearns wrote me on the travel of the Teaville, earnestly and seriously advising
me on his return that I should wait on the Indians & the Creek
six months supply & corn and cattle, and that I was not to hazard
to go on further, for that Mr. Stearns and myself was taken great
in these supplies from the Nation, and that Mr. P. was to have the receipts
with the contract & to Washington, & make Stearns to account for the
Indians six months existence, and allowance of $250 for reason for emigrating.
I have since been informed that he wished to prevent me from receiving further
and examining into the affairs. His secrecy and certain advance, induced me
his chance me to attempt over the nation that the parties had been supplied with
provisions for the last six months in advance, and that he has received for it.
His service [illegible] this [illegible] he is to receive [illegible]
three thousand dollars after being left here for Indians and to serve the United
States. Mr. Brown brother was agent before previous to him & Gen. to give a fair
market for each head of family in proportion to number of persons, which he supposes

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have the receipts for the last six months provisions; and that he himself without the knowledge or consent of any of the parties, signed the names of each to these receipts by making his mark, for he cannot write. The principal men, heads of families, and individuals, assured me that they never had receipted or authorized any one to receipt for them, for this half years subsistence. Francis says that Brown, it induced him to do this, told him that Chilly had sign given them one bill for the half years subsistence and that therefore he must have their receipt to get pay from govt. Some of them have traded out nearly the whole amount of their due bills with Dore. They ~~[illegible] stated to these any where except with Dore~~

Before this reaches you it is probable Col. Stevens, Dore, Chilly and others with their vouchers, will have called on you for payment. I have thought it my duty to make that representation to put you on your guard. I do it with some motive. I myself have seen all the due bills. They are signed by Chilly McIntosh and dated 14th March or last of Feb. Sally Parnol with a family of Tana Indians, has a due bill for only $1.32, which is only $6 each for the half year.

As these people say they are near starving, I felt a strong disposition to supply them with provisions, in spite of the due bills. But I was afraid it might cause trouble, and I have told them, that as they have given receipts for the full years supply I cannot furnish them. That I would state the case to you, and await your instructions.

Yrs. respectfully
Louis Ott Saint.

Gen. Sec. Gibson
U. S. A.

Dr. Thos. Stevens Ot. Agy
Dis. Agent. Creek

Envy 26. Creeks

R. J. Vaughn
Creek nation West
June 17th 1834
Respecting issues to the
Indians removed by
McIntosh. & absolving
Col. Chouteau from all
[illegible]

Filed

Geo. Geo. Gilliam
Examined & Examined Indian
Washington City
D. C.

Geo. Gilliam } Examination of Indian
June 18

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Sir — Rec'd 20 July

Creek Nation West
17 June 1834.

Owing to the repeated representations made to me by the Creeks brought out by Philip McIntosh, that they were in a starving condition, and not feeling myself authorized under the circumstances to subsist them, I made an appeal in their behalf to the Indian Commissioners who authorized me, on the 15th May, to issue one months rations to forty-five of these emigrants; hoping that within that time, I would receive your instructions. I have not yet received instructions, and the emigrants are clamorous for another supply. They have deposited the due bills in my hands which they received from C. McIntosh, they say that these due-bills are of no use to them, and that they cannot obtain the means of subsistence with them.

Perryman, (one of the principal men of the Creek Nation,) told me on the 29th April last, that G. Brown, (Mc Intosh's agent) after letting the emigrants have about fifty bushels corn, had by an arrangement with Col. Choteau, sold the remainder of his corn, (about 300 bushels,) to the Osages. I have since

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ascertained that the quantity of corn thus said to have been disposed of to the Osages, was by no means so great as this; only about thirty bushels, as I am told by Brown and others.

It is due to Col. Choteau, and I take pleasure in saying, that for myself I have a high opinion of him as a liberal fair and honourable gentleman. His great influence and popularity with the various tribes of Indians in this neighbourhood, and his high standing with the military here and at the War Dept. place him beyond the reach of my praise or censure. I have deemed it my bounden duty however to give to you the full and unvarnished statement of these emigrants themselves; yet as I have no proof of improper interference on the part of Col. Choteau, it becomes me frankly to declare that personally I impute no improper motives or conduct to him.

Respectfully Sir
Your humble Servt.
J. Ben. Hoxie Lt. 3d Inf.
Sub. Agent Creeks

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. Sub.

Emig. Letter 28 Creeks

Lt. J. Vanderpool
Engrossing Clerk
Cherokee Nation
West, June 25 1834.

Encloses a Muster roll of 2 Creeks who emigrated in 1833 on their own resources, also one of 10 Ind's & 8 slaves who Emigrated in 1831
These Ind's have applied for Subsistence &c. &c. asks instructions on the subject — Also as to a claim of the widow of Genl. McIntosh and a claim of Jane Hawkins alias Jane Care.

See note above

Note

That part of this letter between the inverted commas was referred to the Comr. of Indian Affairs 6 Novem. 1834.

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Sir  Rec'd & ans'd  Creek nation West
25 June 1834

I enclose a master-roll of two Creeks who emigrated in 1833 on their own resources and who although entitled to the allowance for emigrating and the years' subsistence under the treaty of 1832, have not been supplied nor mustered. Enclosed also is a roll of ten Creeks and eight Slaves who emigrated in 1831.

Since my arrival here, the Creeks named in these rolls have applied to me for Subsistence and the allowance for emigrating. I referred them to Gen. Campbell, telling them, that in Dec. last, I had called on him for a roll of all those who were entitled agreeably to your instructions; and that they were not on his roll.

It seems that the Agent (Gen. C.) omitted to enrol them at that time.

With respect to those who emigrated in 1831; although none except those who emigrated within two years were entitled to the benefit of the treaty of 1826; yet Gen. Campbell informs me

that the benefit of its provisions were extended to those who emigrated more than two years after the treaty 1826, and before the treaty of 1832. If so, these emigrants seem to me as much entitled to the benefit of its provisions as the other. The certificates of Gen. Cambell on these rolls shew to what these emigrants are entitled. I shall await your instructions on the subject.

The widow of Gen. McIntosh has represented to me that before she emigrated, she presented a claim of about $330 for stock stolen from her & her family by the whites. The claim was in the name of her son Newman, (a boy.) She has been informed that the claim was allowed by the Commissioners, (Col. Gromel & others;) and that Col. Abert was supplied with funds to pay the claim in the old nation. Being unacquainted with transactions of this sort, she incorrectly sent to the old nation by B. Hawkins, a former of attorney to draw the money in her own name. She has never been able to get it, although she says that a promise was given her that the amount would be sent to her. If this sum is at your disposal, I am desired by her to say that you will

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confer or favour by forwarding it, or authorizing its payment here.

Jane Hawkins alias Jane Bear (sister of Chilly McIntosh) says that she was one of those who having made arrangements to emigrate in 1890, (I believe) were prevented from doing so by the interference of Govt. They thereby lost their crops. $5000 was appropriated by the H.S. to be distributed among them to compensate them for this loss. Her claim was presented and she has been informed that it was allowed; but she says that she never has received any part of this $5000. She desires me to request that any sum that may be due her on this account may be forwarded. As I am ignorant how this $5000 was distributed, I told her that I would represent the matter to you. I should be glad to have your instructions in these matters. //

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. of Subsistence

J. Ross Robertson Chief Sup
Dis. Agent. Sioux

Emig 33 Creeks

Lieut J. Van Horne
Vineyard, A. T. Oct 26. 1834

Encloses returns for Creek disbursements for 3q.

As instructed he issued to the Emigrants removed by McIntosh, explains the manner of the issues and also many circumstances showing that they have been badly treated by McIntosh &c &c.

Rec'd. 2. Dec.

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Rec.d 2 Dec

Sir

Vineyard, Washington County Ark. Ter.
26 October 1834

I enclose my returns for Creek Disbursements for 3rd quarter of 1834. Agreeably to your instructions of 20 June, I issued provisions to such emigrants of McIntosh's party as held his original due bills, for not only the balance due but for so much more as their rations for six months at 7½ cts amounted to. After McIntosh returned, I pursued the same course with Lowe's due-bills for which McIntosh held himself responsible. I was under the impression until McIntosh arrived, that Sally Hanna and Abram, whose due-bills have no credit on them, had not traded any. I therefore purchased corn at $1- p. bushel on the Canadian where the former lives, beef at 2½ cts, and salt at 5 cts p. pound making S. Hanna's rations for 23 persons for five months (6 months salt) amount to $146.42 and Abram's to $10.24 (about 5½ cts p. ration,) and I determined to issue to them only the half years provisions at the actual cost, subject to your approval. If you think that they also should receive 7½ cents p. ration, the balance can be issued them hereafter. I found on McIntosh's arrival, that one of S. Hanna's family had traded at Lowe's to the amount of $50 on McIntosh's due-bill. I therefore deducted $50 from the $146.42, and issued provisions to the amount of $146.42, and to Abram to the amount of $10.24.

In May last, with the approbation of the Commissioners, I obtained for the relief of forty-five of these emigrants, one months provisions from Lewis Carter A.C.S. Fort Gibson. By the particular and urgent request of the Commissioners, and with the consent of the emigrants, 5 bushels of pots beans were issued

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in lieu of one barrel of flour, of equal cost, $6.60. On the 8th August, before corn could be had, I also obtained for them 4 barrels 25 lbs flour from Lieut. Carter.

Se-tah-hah & S. Ramod's family, So-ho-ba-a-che, Setiche 2, Cholar Francis and Billy Williams, in all six; traded out their due-bills before I arrived. I paid the amount traded by these last on McIntosh's due-bills ($12.50 each) together with what had been traded on the due-bills of the others in all $25.62½ to Chilly McIntosh, he paying it immediately in presence of myself and other gentlemen, to Sally Ramod $21.25 and to Abram $24.80. Their receipts to him are enclosed. There is still a large sum justly due from him to Sally Ramod; and it does seem to me hard that government does not interpose to see full justice done her. Chilly McIntosh tells me himself that he received from govt. $25 a head to pay him for bringing out the nineteen negroes and Abram, and that he was paid by Capt. Brown for subsisting them for six months; and he acknowledges too that Abram subsisted himself, and emigrated on his own expense; and that S. Ramod herself paid two negroes valued at $250 to G. Hawkins for bringing her nineteen negroes out and subsisting them from 10th March to 1st September, and that S. Ramod subsisted them for the remainder of the time except about two weeks. She was allowed to redeem the two negroes who are worth much more than this sum, by paying to Col. Choateau, (who has them in pledge) $250. This of course she can never do.

What I have done in this settlement I thought was only extending

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fair justice, as far as it goes, to the parties. I hope it will meet your approbation. The six months supply for fifty-two emigrants cost $ 631.70: about 6½ cents p. ration. Enclosed is a statement of the amount traded on each due-bill; the cost of the flour for March; the balance for which Cavasina was flour; and the aggregate amount paid each at 7½ cts p. ration.

The two Fishers who came on their own resources, had subsisted themselves before my arrival. I paid them 7 cts per ration.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant

J. Van Horne Capt. 3d Inf
Disbursing Agent Creek

Hon. Jas. Gibson
Com. Gen. Sub.

Chilly McIntosh's

accounts for Rations which he states he has issued to the Creek, west of the Miss.r for 6 months, from 1st March to 1st Sept 1834. —

Lt. Van Horne reports but 52 of McIntosh's party on the 20th April, 1834 — E.

This claim rests upon no foundation in fact. — See the letter to Lt V.H. of 20 June & his reply of 26 Oct 1834 — The Indns. have been fed for years by which they [illegible] — [illegible]

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The United States

To Chilly McIntosh Dr.

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| 1834 | To furnishing rations of Beef Corn & Salt for the Lower Emigrants of the Creeks commencing the first day of March to the last day of August | | | | | lbs Beef | Quarts Corn | Quarts Salt |
| March | 31 | days | 56 | Rations | .. | 2170 | 1736 | 43 3/8 |
| April | 30 | " | 56 | " | . | 2100 | 1680 | 42 |
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Affidavit

Robt. Buchanan
Deposition
May 20 1834

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Georgia } Personally came before me John Johnson
Muscogee County } a Justice of the Peace for said County
Robert Buckham a resident of said County, who
being duly sworn on oath saith that he was employed
by Philip McIntosh to assist in the emigration of the
Creek Indians, who emigrated lately to Arkansas that
he knows that Benjamin Hawkins & John Milton pur-
chased the Claim accruing under the late treaty for
land between the Creek Indians by their delegation &
the United States by commissioner for the purpose from
the following named Indians at the prices attached to
their names respectfully viz - 1. Tal mos harjo - 400 Paid
2. Salley — 300
3 Char Ke Ke — 250
4 Char Hol e — 300
5 Thiflke — 300
6. Ne ne he e mun thus 300
7 Lid to Ke — 400
8 Yun ho le chop co — 200
9 Le cote ki che — 300
10. Chock who kie — 300
11 Sin than ke — 300
12 Ne lis fiaico — 200
13 Ta ta che — 300
14 Cho co the — 300
15 Chetto or Kenak — 400
16 Ith a sit ach — 300
17 Tul se harjo — 300
18 Arco Ikee — 300
19 E. Fau Meer — 400
20 Ke Seate Cow — 300
21 Ta thoe co — 200
22 Nito — 200
23 Cholaurtaico — 250
24 Ne Chun harjo — 400
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The aggregate amount being sixty nine hundred & fifty Dollars
That he Robert Buckham with others whose names appear
on the deeds & other Conveyances to secure titles without the Contracts
that the Indians in preference to receiving the entire amount of
the Money received a portion in goods from Hand & Fontaine's store
& the goods shown to have been family prices - because by the request
of Lewis Milton, I enquired into the prices & saw the goods delivered to

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to the Indians - And they requested said John Milton & Benj.a Hawkins to pay the debts they had contracted with different individuals so as enable them to emigrate as their Creditors threatened to sue out attachment & other legal process to prevent their emigration and after paying the debts to pay to Chilly McIntosh or their agent the ballance which might be due to them respectively & at their request the said John Milton & Benjamin Hawkins paid or caused to be paid to Michael Perry seventeen hundred & three dollars - to Geo. W. Elliot Eight hundred & thirty seven dollars to John [illegible] seven hundred & six dollars to Geo W. Dillard Two hundred & Eighty five dollars to Thomas B. Erwin seventy five dollars John A. Hodson Twenty dollars to George W. Cellingham forty six dollars, Lob Rogers sixty dollars - Stewart & Fontaine four hundred & thirty two dollars & John Milton paid to Chilly McIntosh One Thousand dollars as their Agent - All of which was paid only the requests of the said Indians respectively as enumerated - on fulfilment of their respective Contracts - and at the time of the Contracts the said Chilly McIntosh agreed to act as their agent as aforesaid and it was agreed with him & said Indians that he would settle with each indian by turning over to each the amt. due after the payments of their accounts respectfully and the deponent further says that after they had arrived at Arkindaw - The said Benj.a Hawkins returned there - & upon the statement of Chilly McIntosh that Hawkins had not paid the entire amount due from him & Hawkins refusal to do so - Col. Arbuckle upon the Complaint of the Indians who had sold - Arrested negro property of said Hawkins to secure the payment of the ballance to said indians - Hawkins then Complained to Col. Campbell the Agent appointed for the Creeks by the United States, said that he was unable to do any thing with the land as they had not been located previously to the Contracts Col. Campbell - then ordered the negroes to be released & the arrest was discharged, and the said Hawkins immediately thereafter fled to texas having in his possession between Eighty & One hundred negroes slaves, & but for the discharge of the property from the Arrest by order of said Agent - This deponent believes the payment

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of

ment would have been secured provided said Hawkins
had not made the payment satisfactory appear" & the said
Hawkins is yet amply able to pay them this deponent further states
that the said Indians were induced by Seaborn Hill a trader
amongst them & others to believe that they could sell their
lands again & receive more money that they ought
to do so because they had contracted their lands for
less than their value that if they would execute
powers of Attorney to some other person to sell their
Lands it should be done — whereupon powers were executed
to Judge Tarrant & Sent. by Seaborn Hill, to Prince

Robert C. Tait sur.

Signed & sworn to before me
this 20th May 1834

Geo Johnson J.P.
J. W. Lindsford
Ex P. Certifying Agent
for Creek Locations

Western Creek Nation

We The undersigned Heads of families who was entitled to Arrow rations and emigrated under Genr Chilly McIntosh do hereby certify that we have received our rations due us up to the last day of August last which completes our rations in full for the year from the first day of Sept. last (1833) Given under our hands & seals in presence of

Hugh Love
Samuel G. Brown
Interpreter

Chitto his mark
Hulmapapugo his mark
William Tiger his mark
Nitu his mark
Mar mar Chee Chee his mark
Lu cote hi Chee
Tu ti Chee
He lis price
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Chock ee Thee
Su har ya
Cho lar or fox
Su sa lah
Su ther he
Sally Harrod
Roseannah Harrod
Lid ho La Kennard
Abram
William
Sally Harrod his mark

1834 CREEK (EMIGRATION) LT.J.VAN HORNE,DISB.AGENT WEST (EMIGRANTS WILL SETTLE BETWEEN THE VERDIGRIS & ARKANSAS.CROPS.ADVISES MILITARY ROAD ROUTE.ETC)

Crawford Letter 32

Lt. J. Van Horne

Creek Agency 7 Oct 1834

The Creek, about to remove being connections &c of those now settled between the Verdigris & Arkansas Rivers, will also settle there. Crops of corn have failed, only 2,000 bus for market - the present price 75 cts - The Creek have but little stock - considerable quantities may be had on the border of the Cherokees - Salt Pt - Many among the Creeks & Cherokees are competent to contract for supplies - a device that the Reds about to remove contrive in the military road by Fort Gibson & Smith designed that the landing of cattle has disappeared

See Lt. Van's letter of 25th Nov. and Capt. Brown's letters of 1st & 26th Oct 1834

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to bring corn to supply a contract of 15.000 bushels at Fort Gibson. I would be glad if this matter were looked to, and I venture to suggest whether it would not be well that no person not belonging to these tribes, (except govt. officers purchasing for govt.,) be allowed to purchase corn cattle &c in the Indian country, to supply troops or emigrant Indians under government contracts, where the supplies can be as well furnished by natives. If citizens of the adjacent States and territories do furnish, let them bring the supplies from their own country. I shall communicate with Maj. Armstrong Actg Supt on this subject, and request his interference to prevent or stop it what I regard as a violation of the intercourse law.

That natives may have an opportunity to bid, the bids should be received at some point not too remote from their residence. And I think it would be no more than the proper protecting care of government, the good of the Indians, and the just and benevolent aims of govt. toward them require; that agents &c should give to the Creeks and such other tribes as might need it, such information as to the manner of obtaining and executing contracts, giving bond security &c, as might be of service to them.

I would not use from a sincere desire to subserve the public interests, interfere with arrangements about which my opinion may not be asked, and which have been left to other heads; viz, to fix upon a route by which the Creeks should emigrate this fall. I believe it is contemplated to leave the military road at Frogs, eight miles below Fort Smith, and proceed by the Choctaw Agency to the mouth of the north fork of the Canadian. You desire me to give you "any other information connected with this subject that I may deem important." Now I think the economy and interest of the Dept., and the comfort of the emigrants would all be promoted by their continuing on the military road by Fort Smith & Gibson, to this place. Or if it is thought preferable, (as it probably is) let them keep altogether on the north side of the Arkansas, without crossing it at all. This is my opinion, because as I have stated above, I believe nearly all those who emigrate this fall will settle

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in this neighbourhood, between this Arkansas and Verdigris, and in the Arkansas.

The route to the Canadian may do for the Seminoles and those Creeks that is after years may wish to settle on the north fork of the Canadian. It has been the practice of the Dept. to move the emigrants to the spot where they wish to settle. My belief is that if these emigrants are conveyed to the mouth of the ~~mouth of~~ the north fork, they will then have to be brought over here to the Arkansas valley, a distance of 30 or 40 miles. In winter, (when this must be done,) I am told this route is almost impassible. I am informed that on account of quick-sands &c, the Canadian is very difficult to cross. There is no ferry-boat either there or where they would have to cross the Arkansas, to get to the Verdigris valley. The emigrants could cross the ferries at Grand river and Verdigris in the public boats, at little expense. I think that supplies can be had nearly 50 per cent cheaper on the Gibson route than the Canadian route. At Fort Gibson too there is a large supply of surplus provisions which may be saved from spoiling in the hands of the Commissary by having a stand there for issuing to the emigrants on their route. There are other convenient stands at Webbers (on Illinois) 18 miles from Fort Gibson; at Cow's (on Saline) 14 miles; Skin bayou, 12 miles; Fort Smith 14 miles; or at other intermediate places. A reference to the map shews that it is farther from Briggs or Fort Smith to the mouth of north fork of Canadian, than to this place. If the Canadian route is taken the emigrants will then have 30 or 40 miles of untried road to travel, and two large rivers to cross in addition. I believe the Choctaws on the Canadian route have no surplus corn. At the north fork supplies cannot be had nearer than about 30 or 40 miles; and as the place is difficult of access supplies will be costly.

The regulations require that all cattle issued to emigrants be branded, that contractors may not buy them and issue them a second time. Six hundred cattle may be issued in a day; but it would take many days to

branes that number. I presume it would not be done for less than one or two dollars per head. It is a very laborious and difficult task to throw upon the contractor. The Disbursing Agent can get it done only by having at expense to Govt. Now if the contractor is required to do it, he should be so bound by his contract. The Cherokee contr. is not, nor has it been customary to bind contractors to brand cattle issued. Thus in every case the expense is borne by Govt. I have doubts of the necessity or policy of branding cattle issued to the Cherokees, or other Indians equally shrewd and intelligent. It cannot prevent them from selling them, as these people are constantly trafficking; and it seems to me as arbitrary as it is ineffectual to attempt to prevent them from disposing of their own property. It has not been done in issuing to the Cherokees under my predecessors, nor has it in issuing to the Choctaws on the Arkansas. I would respectfully suggest whether it would not be better either to bind the contractor to do it, or that it be omitted except where the issuing agent believes it would prevent injustice being done the emigrants. I mentioned the subject to Capt. Crum, who I think concides with me.

The maps are on so small a scale that I have been able to exhibit but very imperfectly the location of the tribes now here. As soon as I can, after I will endeavour to forward one that will give a better view on a larger scale, including the location of the Cherokees West.

I am with great respect
Your obt. Servant
C. Van Horne Lieut. & Adj.
Disb. Agent &c

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. Sub.



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Sir

Creek Agency West, 7 Oct. 1834

In answer to the first enquiry of yours of the 26th August, I have to reply that from the best information I can obtain, I am led to believe that nearly all of the 3, 4, or 5,000 Creeks who may emigrate this present fall are connexions and relatives of those now living on the point of land formed by the junction of the Arkansas and Verdigris, extending twenty miles up the Arkansas, and six miles up the Verdigris. Within this space live 215. On the adjacent south bank of the Arkansas are 175, and on the north bank of Verdigris 50. The remainder, (150) live on the Canadian.

The point between the Arkansas and Verdigris is compactly settled for twenty miles, and is a fertile and beautiful valley. The country above that distance, between these two rivers, as far as Red Fork, (35 miles) is, with little exception, not less fertile and well adapted to agricultural purposes. In this valley there between the Arkansas and Verdigris, and on the South side and adjacent to the Arkansas, from opposite the mouth of Grand river, extending about fifteen miles up the Arkansas it is believed nearly all who may emigrate this fall will settle. But few in my opinion, of those who come this fall will chose to settle on the Canadian, as their best lands in that quarter are assigned to the Seminoles.

Many of those who come after the present season, will settle on the north side of the north fork of the Canadian, between the mouth of the north fork and the mouth of the deep fork. Settlements will also be made on both sides of the Arkansas below the junction of Red fork; also on the Deep and North forks of the Canadian. For one or two years to come, the settlements will principally be confined to the valley between the Verdigris and Arkansas, the adjacent fertile bottoms on the south side of the Arkansas, and to the north side of the north fork of the Canadian, from the mouth of north fork to the mouth of deep fork.

The extraordinary drouth in this country has destroyed at least half the crop of corn. The presence of the Dragoon Corps, which has foraged to a considerable extent in the Creek country, has also diminished the quantity of corn.

A considerable part of that crop has for some time quartered in the Creek Country. From 50 to 60.000 bushels of corn has been produced this season. The surplus quantity which can be spared for market is about 20.000 bushels. The crops of corn in the adjacent counties of Arkansas Ter. are very good. So also are those of the Cherokee country generally.

The present current price of corn among the more extensive Creek farmers is 75 cts. per bushel. The poorer class are every day selling considerable quantities of corn which they carry on their backs and sell to the traders for 50 cts in goods. In quantity it cannot be had for less than 75 cts. Before long the price will probably be one dollar. The traders have already bought about 17.000 bushels of the surplus creek corn. Had I been authorized I think I could have contracted for the delivery by the natives of 15.000 bushels at 75 cts. The traders will demand a high price. This Creek community get a beggarly price for their corn &c. The traders and contractors reap the profits. In Washington County Ark. any quantity of corn can be had at 25 cts. In the Cherokee country, the current price at present is 25 to 37½ cents;- directly on the military road, from 50 to 75 cts. The Cherokee corn contractor informs me that he buys nearly all his corn at 25 cts. For some little he has paid 37½ cts. Contracts were made at Fort Gibson on the 14th inst. for the delivery at that place of 20.000 bushels at 37½ cts, of 6.000 bush. at 50 cts, and 12.000 bush. at 35 cts. Also for the delivery at the mouth of Red fork, 75 miles W.N.W. from Fort Gibson of 2.000 bushels at $1.45 p. bush.

The Western Creeks have very few cattle and hogs. The country now occupied by them is not well adapted to raising stock. A great part of what they had was destroyed by the great overflow of the Arkansas in May 1833. The great ration for emigrant Creeks cannot be obtained in the Creek country, as they have no more than sufficient for their own use.

There are considerable quantities of cattle and hogs to be had on Lees Creek, on the eastern borders of the Cherokee country; on the Arkansas in the adjacent

part of Ark. Ter.; on White river in Ark.; and in Missouri.

In the Creek country beef-cattle and hogs cost $2.50 p. cwt.; a cow and calf $10; but the supply is very limited. Cattle and hogs cannot probably be delivered in quantity for less than from $3 to $3.25 p. cwt.

Mr. Mackey, the beef contractor for Cherokees, informs me that he purchases all his cattle at $2 or less in the Cherokee country, or immediately adjacent in Ark. Ter. He commonly pays eight or nine dollars for a cow and calf. I bought 45 head of beef at Union Mission, Cher. N. on the 20th ult., at $2 p. cwt., and 22.50 lb at $2.10, to supply a failure of contract. An offer has been made me by a Creek of standing and enterprise, to furnish cattle from Texas at $3 p. cwt. He says he can give good security. I think cattle & hogs could be furnished the Cherokees at $2.50 to $2.75 p. cwt.

I think that salt can be furnished in the Creek and Cherokee countries at one dollar per bushel. I enclose a contract made by me 31st Aug. with a substantial and enterprising man, for the delivery of salt at the two principal depots, to the Cherokee emigrants for one dollar p. bushel. I have two other depots of salt, at one of which salt is delivered at 62½ cts, at the other at 75 cts p. bushel. As abundance of salt is manufactured in the Cherokee country, it is not probable that the price will materially increase.

If only not more than 2 or 3,000 indians emigrate each year, the price of corn would be more likely to decrease than increase. But should large bodies, (6 or 7,000) arrive at once, at uncertain periods, the price for the time might be much increased. The attention of the people of this country is now awakened to this subject however, and I am inclined to think that so far as regards corn and salt, the increased production in anticipation will be such that the prices of these two commodities will not be materially enhanced, unless the accession of emigrants be very large and unlooked for.

The price of cattle and hogs may be somewhat increased by the arrival of large bodies of emigrants; as they must in that case be brought from as



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distance, inasmuch as the "foraction in anticipation" cannot from necessity be increased with such facility as the other parts of the nation.

There are many individuals both in the Cherokee and Creek country who have fulfilled contracts for public supplies. There are many especially among the Cherokees who are as able and efficient in executing contracts as our own citizens. Not of these, to be sure, are white or half breeds. Very few, perhaps none, of the full bloods could be depended on as they are not sufficiently prompt and energetic. It seems to me that the welfare and interest of the indians would be promoted, and that it would be the policy of government to hold out this powerful incentive to enterprise and industry to their tribes. It is often happens that contractors living in the territories or States, enter the indian country;- buy corn beef &c from the untutored indians, for a mere pittance; and without any trouble or expense in transporting these supplies, receive from government an extravagant price. If a high price must be paid by govt. for these supplies, for Heavens sake let the poor indians who have cultivated them by their own hard labour receive it, and not the shrewd and speculating borderers. I have seen too much of this. In other nations I have taken on myself the responsibility to prevent it, and have paid the contractor price to the indians; but the people in this region are too smart for me. "What authority have you, once by what law can you prevent this?" they ask. Yes sir, it is with no small degree of regret and unwillingness that I follow daily at the heels of one of these contractors, he buying corn at 25 to 37½ cts from poor hard working indians, and at the end of the quarter I pay him on the part of Govt. $1.25 p. bush. for the same corn, which he has no trouble to transport nor even to measure, for the indians do that themselves. Trading without licence with the indians is unlawful, and although no positive enactment forbids white citizens from purchasing corn cattle &c from indians, such was doubtless the intention. Yet that these articles are purchased and sold daily throughout the Cherokee and Creek country is notorious. A citizen of Ark. is now going through the Creek country

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(Extract Fence Creek
Oct 7. 1835

From Lt
J. Van Horne

Relative to the removal
& subsistence of the
Creeks

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Extracts of a letter from Lieut. J. Van Horne, Disbursing Agent in the removal of Creeks, and Cherokees, to Gen. George Gibson, Comr. General of Subsistence, dated 7th. October 1834.

"In answer to the first enquiry of your's of the 26th. August, I have to reply that from the best information I can obtain, I am led to believe that nearly all of the 3, 4, or 5000 Creeks, who may emigrate the present fall, are connections, and relatives of those now living on the point of land formed by the junction of the Arkansas, and Verdigris, extending twenty miles up the Arkansas, and six miles up the Verdigris. Within this space live 2135. On the adjacent South bank of the Arkansas, are 175, and on the north bank of Verdigris, 50. The remainder (100) live on the Canadian. The point between the Arkansas and Verdigris, is compactly settled for twenty miles, and is a fertile and beautiful valley. The country above that distance, between these two rivers, as far as Red Fork (75 miles) is with little exception, not less fertile, and well adapted to agricultural purposes".

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"That natives may have an opportunity to bid, the bids should be received at some point, not too remote from their residence. And I think it would be no more than the proper protecting care of government, the good of the indians, and the just and benevolent aims of gov^t. towards them require, that Agts. &c. should give to the Creeks, and such other tribes as might need it, such information as to the manner of obtaining & executing contracts, giving bond, security &c. as might be of service to them"

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1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) LT.S.R.ALLSTON (LT C.S.HOWE HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO EXAMINE THE PUBLIC PROP ERTY IN POSSESSION OF MR SAYRE AT MONTGOMERY)

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Ems. of Creek

Lt. Saml. R. Hetzel
To Mitchell 31 March
1835

Lt. C. S. Stone has
been directed to examine
into the condition of
the public property
in possession of Mr.
Sayre & Montgomery
& Co.

Ma. 11 April

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Rec. 11 April

Fort Mitchell Ala
31st March 1835

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant directing an Officer to be detailed from this command to perform certain duties mentioned in instructions received from the Subsisting Department.—

In the absence of Brevet-Major McCrabb 2d Lieutenant C. S. Ripley has been directed to proceed to Montgomery Alabama and execute the duties specified in the instruction referred to.—

I am Sir very respectfully
Your obedt Servant
Saml. R. Allston
2d Lt. 4th Infy. Comdg.

Brig. Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comdg. Genl. Subsy.
Washington

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) S.C.BENTON (OPPOSITION TO REMOVALS BY CONTRACT DOES NOT EXIST,ETC)

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From

S. C. Benton

Fort Mitchell Ala

Aug. 20th 1836

That communications have been made to Dept. that the Creeks were opposed to removal by Contract — that this opposition does not exist, and that removal by Contract will facilitate the Emigration.

31 August

Rec'd 31 Aug.

Post. Mitchelville Al
August 20th 1835

Sir

It is reported several communications have been forwarded to the Dept. that the Creek Indians were greatly opposed to their being removed by contract, & that they would not die where they now live — My reason for addressing you on this subject is to say to you that that spirit of opposition on the part of the Indians does not exist — they being told that an officer of the army would accompany each, and every party, to see that they did not suffer on the road gives general satisfaction to all who have any disposition to remove —

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I profess to know something of Indian character, and I make bold to assert that their being removed by contract will not retard the progress of emigration but greatly facilitate it - And I flatter myself that the Company now empowered to remove them will be able to show to the Dept. and the Citizens of Alabama, that there does not exist that spirit of opposition on the part of the Indians -

I have the honor to be respectfully
Your Obt. Svt
S. C. Benton

Genl. Geo Gibson
Comdg Gal Subs.
Washington
Ala

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) HON.JOHN BELL (SEEKS INFORMATION AS TO CAUSES THAT PREVENTED REMOVALS. AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE CONTRACT TO REMOVE THEM)

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Referred 30th Dec.

House Reps
Dec. 28th 1835

Sir

I am directed by the Committee on Indian Affairs, to request that you will communicate, for their information, the causes which have prevented, or retarded the emigration of the Creek Indians, under the treaty of the 24th of March 1832.

I am also directed to request, that you will inform them, under what authority, the contract was entered into by the Commissary of Subsistence with certain citizens of Georgia, for the removal, of a stipulated part of the said Indians, referred to in the report of the Committee of the 12th November last

I am respectfully
Your Obt. Serv.
W. Wells

Hon. Lewis Cass
Secy. of War

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) U.BLUE (ENROLING & MUSTERING CREEKS FOR LT DEAS. THINKS THERE WILL BE A GENERAL MOVE IN THE SPRING)

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Maj Hook

Secy has
Seen this
C A W

Letter
from
U. Blue
Tuskegee, Dec. 27th
1835

Says, has been expecting Col Hogan hourly since his last report, &c — that the emigration is closed for the winter, & thinks there will be a general move in the Spring — that the Speculators urge the Indians to have their lands certified to, &c &c. — On Col. H's return will leave until the Emigrat. opens in Spring!

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Tuskegee Octr 21st 1835

Genl George Gibson
Pr 2d Janry Sir

I have been looking for Colo Hogan hourly ever since my last report which has been the cause of this being a few days later than it should been, he has not yet returned nor have I heard any thing from him, I am a fraid he is sick. The Emigration is closed for the Winter, I think there will be a general movement of the Indians to the west in the spring, the speculators are useing all kind of ways to force the Indians to have their Lands certified to, if the Indian owes but a few Dollars (and sometimes I believe whether he owes or not) they have him taken with a bail writ and hold him in the hand of the sherriff or other officer with the threat of sending him to Goal until he agrees to sell his land and have it certified, and I have heard of them taking them without any process and keeping them shut up in a house threatening him with the Goal until he certifies to his land and report says they then sometimes take the money away

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from the Indians, this I have no doubt is the case in some instan=ces - I am waiting here for Colo Hogans return, when I shall leave the Nation until the Emigration opens in the spring -

Very Respectfully
yr. Obt. Servt.

W. Blue Apt. Agent
& Acting superintendant
of the Indian Emigt.

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Tuskegee Oct. 9th 1835

Genl. George Gibson
Rec. Agt.
Sir

In my last report I calculated on enrolling the emigrating party of Indians in Tallapoosa County, where all the parties were to join but I found it impossible to get a correct roll while in the nation in the vicinity of so many grog shops & as they expected more to join near Wetumpka, I determined to accompany them out of the Nation and get them out of the way of those grog shops, then halt & enroll them, which I did after crossing the Coosa at Wetumpka and going about four miles in Autauga County. I stood by and counted the number in each family as they was brought up and enrolled the whole party amounting to 511. The party is conducted by Doct. Ingersol on the part of the Contractors & Lieut. Deas as the Agent of the Government, they appear to be well supplied with Transportation and stores on well. Doct. Ingersol shews every disposition to fullfill the contract Doct.

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Randol showed me a letter from your department referring him to Colo. Hogan as to the propriety of his being permitted not to accompany the present Emigrating party. The Contract requires that the Government should furnish a Doctr to each party, and if any differance should arise between the Contractor & the Government Agent as to the provisions, the Doctr is made the arbitrator. I therefore thought it proper he should continue. Colo. Hogan has not yet joined but is looked for daily. The Master-Roll Will shew the Number in each family.—

Very respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.
W. Blair Actg. Agent
& Actg. Super Intendant

Emig 414 Creeks

N. Blue
Tuckaee Dec. 1. 1835
Is on his way to Tallapoosa
encampment to enroll
the Inds and turn
them over to Lieut:
Pres.

Mobile City

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Choctaw Nation

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Recd. 11 Dec.

Tuskegee Dec. 1st 1835

Genl. Geo. Gibson

Sir.

When Col. Hogan left the nation, he left me as his representative, and I have been making my regular reports to him; but it was his intention that I should make them until his return direct to your Department, and sent me written instructions to that effect, but in consequence, of my being up in the hunting Towns attending to the Indian encampment there, and out of the way of any Post Office;- I never received his instructions until my arrival at this place yesterday- under those instructions, I make this my first report.

Ben. Marshall, started from Joe Marshall's old place on the 24th. of last month to the encampment in Tallaposa County, in the vicinity of the Fish Ponds. Hialijah, Hilakee, and Arkomimie Towns there, to await until the hunters came up- I left them on Sunday morning last and they were to strike tents that afternoon, and be off- I am now on my way to the Tallaposa encampment and shall await there until they all get together and have them properly enrolled and turn them over to Lieut. Deas who will have charge of them on the march- I am looking for Col. Hogan every day;- If he does not arrive by the time I get the Indians enrolled, I shall then make a full report of the party;- Ben Marshall's party amounts to about 160.- one half blacks- The hunters to 200- and I think the party in Tallaposa will not exceed 100 or 200- I think 500- will be a fair estimate of the party that will emigrate this winter.-

Respectfully yr. Ob. Servt.

A. Kelsey

Asst. Emgt. Agent

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) CAPT.J.BROWN DISB.AGENT (500 CREEKS UNDER CAPT PAGE GONE TO NEW HOMES.MANY SICK.
CONTRACTORS DISAPPOINTED IN NO.OF CREEK EMIGRANTS HAVE

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Emigrants v. Creeks

Little Rock, A.T. 26 May '25

From
Capt. J. Brown Disb.
Agent Ma. Rem.

Sends Contract dated 31st March, for furnishing rations to Creek Emigrants.

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Rec'd June

Little Rock, A.T.
May 26th 1835.

Sir:

I cover herewith Triplicate Contract entered into on the 31st of March last, for furnishing Creek Emigrants with Rations.

The delay in not forwarding this Contract has occurred by the Writer residing at a distance, and their neglect to return the same to this Office.

(Respectfully)
Your Obt. Servt.
N Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Maj. Dept Sub Sist.

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Comy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington, D.C.

Emig. 35 p. Creeks

Capt. J. Brown
L. Rock, May 2d 1835

Has offered certain contractors, who have rec.d much injury from the failure in the expected Emb. of Creeks, the privilege of supplying all Emigrants that may remove by land until 30th Sept. &c &c

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Rec.d 27 of May.

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Recd. 27 May

Little Rock, A. T.
May 20th 1835.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated the 5th ultimo. together with the circular of the 28th Febry. last. Also. copy of instructions to William Armstrong; and copies of Orders to Lt. Stephenson. Moore and Van Horne.

Early after it was known, that the Creeks had refused to Emigrate, last fall, and to appease the feelings of the numerous disappointed contractors on the Route of Emigration, I addressed them severally, and offered them the privilege of supplying any, and all, Indians with subsistence to the 30th Septr. next, that should Emigrate by Land, taking the Route of present stands; and all the contractors for stands south of Mers. Blacks, have consented to furnish = some at the rates of the contracts, others by receiving a small increase on the contract prices of the ration: and corn = none of which, however, will make the Rations complete, cost over 6 cents: and corn 75 cents per Bushel, for Team Horses & Oxen, Pack Ponies &c.

I am satisfied that the contractors for the

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last two years have met with very considerable losses, arising from the failure of Indians to Emigrate: and the late failures has been more disasterous to them, than any of the preceding ones. The fact is, the last years contracts, on the Routes of Emigration, went into the hands of Farmers and as such, in a new and unsettled country, have but little wealth, and still less resources. Hence, when it happens that they incur expenditures in the prosecution of any enterprize, depending on the successful result, as a means of remuneration, and to meet the debts incurred for its execution, and they fail; they most generally are broken up.

Last fall, Contractors were induced to make large preparations from some very indiscrete publications at Memphis, in relation to the movements of the Creeks; and as it was known, that Memphis was the head quarters of the Western Emigrating Agents, they took it for granted, that the published notices of the arrival of six thousand Creeks at "Pigeon Roost" and that that body would reach Memphis between the 20th & 25th of Nov. were warnings to them, to be prepaired with subsistence to receive that number

of Emigrants, agreeably to the tenor of their con=
=tracts. Hence, it was, that Eleven contractors sup=
=plying twenty=five stands = some of them 20 miles
from corn supplies, were at once put in motion:
the whole population on the routs were rallied; and put
in employ; some building cribs, others hauling corn,
collecting and hearding leaves, &c. As soon as this
was known, I had published and sent to Contractors,
contra statements; but before my communication could
reach them, the injury was done. They had gathered
and were involved in the purchase of ample sup=
=plies for six thousand Emigrants, Teams, Pack Horses,
&c. the number announced in the Memphis paper
as actually being on the march.

The loss and disappointment on such an oc=
=curr ance, can easily be imagined. I felt, most
sincerely, the condition of this state of things. Na=
=merous complaints, petitions and appeals, were made
to me for relief, and to which I could not turn a
deaf ear. The contracts barred every answer to claim
for damages. One source of favor only remained,
and that was, as above stated, to offer to them
the privilege of supplying all Emigrants to the
30th Septr. next. This has in some measure ap=
=peased their feelings. A notice, however, for proposals

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to furnish supplies, at this time, unless quantity and time of delivery were specified, would not, in my opinion, produce a single offer at prices that could be accepted; besides it would have a tendency to produce combinations, which might very materially affect the pecuniary interest of the Government in obtaining future supplies.

It is due to myself here to state, what I am satisfied is the fact, that there is no want of confidence on the part of the People, in regard to the course that has been, or will be pursued by this Office; and in relation to the late contracts. I believe I am most fully exonerated from any agency or blame connected with their losses. But they say, and very truly, that they have been greatly deceived, by indiscreet rumors and reports, in relation to the movements of Emigrants east of the Mississippi; and they feel that there should be some guarantee, some share of risk on the part of Government in future contracts.

From the circumstances and causes above related, I deem it best not to issue notice for Proposals to supply the Seminoles on the route of Emigration, from Rock Roe to their new Country; and I pray you to be assured, that I have taken

this course from a full belief, that it will, in the end, result beneficially to the government. The passage of twelve or fifteen hundred Indians through the country, will consume a portion of the surplus corn and Beef in the hands of the Old contractors. This will enable them to get a little money, which will greatly relieve their pecuniary distresses, so, that when the time arrives for making arrangements for the fall Emigration, a cheerful confidence will have got abroad, contracts for supplying the rents of Emigration, will be sought after, and Indian Rations and Forage, furnished at liberal prices.

I shall immediately publish notice for proposals to subsist the Seminoles, in their New Country.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Mississippi and Rivr.

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington, D.C.

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Rec'd 26 March

Little Rock. A.T.
March 1st 1835.

Sir:

The Party of Creek Emigrants - over 500 in number - under the direction of Capt. Page, broke up Camp this morning, and commenced their March for their New Country, which they will reach, if not greatly impeded by high Waters and bad Roads, on or about the 20th inst. The Emigrants have with them several small Wagons, and about 160 Ponies.

Owing to the long, and continued exposure of these Emigrants, embracing the whole of an unusually cold winter, and being destitute of clothing, many of them at this time are sick. I have kept a Physician in their Camp since they reached this. Two or three have died. The four or five days rest, however, together with the attentions of Agents and the Physician, they appear to be getting better - are evidently more cheerful; and as the morning is mild, being the first indications of the approach of Spring, hopes are entertained that their sufferings henceforward, will be greatly ameliorated.

These Emigrants were 20 days getting

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from Memphis to this place. The Boat was com=
=pelled to lay two some two or three days in the Missis=
=sippi, in consequence of high winds; and in the
Arkansas, several days, from Ice and Sand
Bars. They reached this on the 24th ult. and
were immediately encamped. The River not
being in a stage to justify further attempts to
ascend it; and no probability of its being in
a better condition for some time. I directed
the Boat to be discharged, and procured
the necessary number of Teams to make the
balance of the journey, by land.

I have received from Capt. Page,
$2.500. All the Funds he could spare.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.

J Brown Capt, U.S.A
Mil Agt Cherokee Reserve,

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Comy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington, D. C.

Capt J. Brown's

Creek Emigration

Estimate for Funds

3rd & 4th qrs. 1836.

$21.337.21.

29 Augt. Remitted $22.000.00

Rec. 26. Augt.

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**ESTIMATE** of **FUNDS** required in the Removal and Subsistence of the Creek — Indians, for the Quarters ending 30th Sept. & 31st Dec. 1836 with the Application in detail, intended to be made of them, by Capt. J. Brown U.S.A. Dis. Agt. Choctaw Reserve

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To Cash for 100,650 Rations of Subsistence for 550 Emigrants from the 1st July, to 31st Dec. 1836 at 5 cents 4½ Mills — | $5,510 | 00 |
| Do. for 308,200 Rations of Subsistence for 2300 Emigrants now on the way to their New country, say from 20th August to 31st December 1836 at Price as above — | 16,873 | 95 |
| Do. for Transportation of Rifles &c from Fort Coffee to Fort Gibson say — | 60 | 00 |
| Do. for Services of Clerk employed in the Principal Disbursing Agents Office 6 Months @ $60. per month — | 360 | 00 |
| Do. for Rent of Rooms occupied for an Office and Storing Indian Goods for 3d & 4th qrs. 1836. — | 110 | 00 |
| Do. for occasional services in the store, unloading Indian Goods &c — | 15 | 00 |
| Do. for Public Printing, Blanks and other Stationary, Fuel and light for Office | 70 | 00 |
| Do. for Public Postage for 3d & 4th qrs. 1836 | 24 | 00 |
| Amt. of Capt. Stephenson's Estimate for 4th qr. 1836 - (filed herewith — | 420 | 00 |
| | $23,443 | 61 |
| Deduct Amount estimated to remain on Hand | 2,116 | 40 |
| Amount required — | $21,327 | 21 |

Little Rock
Aug. 4th 1836

Signed J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Dis. Agt. Choctaw Reserve

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Estimate of Funds required in the Removal and Subsistence of the Creek Indians for the Quarter ending the Thirtieth day of June 1836. with the application in detail intended to be made of them; by Capt. James R. Stephenson U.S. Army Disbursing Agent (Creeks)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1836 July 12 | For the services of an Assistant, for the 4th Quarter 1836. Commencing the 1st day of October and ending the 31st day of December 1836. at $50 per month . . . . . | 150 | 00 |
| " | Postage and Stationary " " . " | 20 | 00 |
| " | Travelling Expenses " " " " | 50 | 00 |
| " | Casualties and Contingencies. " " . | 200 | 00 |
| | | 420 | 00 |
| | Deduct amount estimated to remain on hand | 000 | 00 |
| | Amount required | 420 | 00 |

Ja. R. Stephenson
Capt. U.S. Army
Disbg. Agt. (Creeks)

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**ESTIMATE** of **FUNDS** required in the Removal and Subsistence of the Creek Indians, for the Quarter ending 31 March 1836 with the Application in detail, intended to be made of them, by Capt J Brown USA Rec'g Disb'g Agt Cna Reserve

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1835 November 30 | For subsistence of - say 1160 Creeks. emigration of 28 March 1835. from 1st Jany to 28th March, 1836. being the period when their years subsistence will close. 87 days at present contract price - | 2.566 | 16 |
| | For contingencies, being for clerk here, Office Rent, Wood, Stationary, Postage &c. | 245 | 00 |
| | I omit estimating for Funds, in anticipation, of expenditures that may arise, from subsequent emigration. of the Creeks. | | |
| | | 2.811 | 16 |
| | Deduct Amount estimated to remain on Hand | . --- | -- |
| | Amount required | 2811 | 16 |

Little Rock. A.T.
Nov 30. 1835

Signed J J Brown Capt USA
Mc Cin Agt Ind Rem

**QUARTERLY STATEMENT** of Agents and others employed in the Removal and Subsistence of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians, for the Quarter ending the 30th of September 1836 by Capt. J. Brown, U.S.A. Inc. Disby. Special Agent Subsis. Removal & Subsistence West of the Mississippi

| No. | NAMES. | STATIONS. | DATE OF EMPLOYMENT. | COMPENSATION. | REMARKS, shewing the nature of the employment, what business was performed during the quarter &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | John P. Osborn | Dwaphaw Agency | 1st July to 30th Septr. | $40 per Month | Employed as Subsistence Agent to the Dwaphaw Emigrants |
| | Peter Chase | — | 23d Aug to 13th Septr. | $4.00 per day | " in procuring Wagons & Teams to transport a Party of Choctaw Emigrants |
| | James H. Vezie | Little Rock | 1st " to 30th " | 60 per Month | " as Clerk in the Office of the Inc. Disby. Agt. Little Rock Ark. 1st Qtr |

Recd

J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Inc. Agt Ind. Removal

Little Rock
Septr. 30th 1836.

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# Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the Creek Indians for the month of July 1836 by Capt. J. Brown U. S. A. Disbg Agent Indian Removal & Subsistence

| Date. | To whom paid. | For what paid. | Amount Dollars | Amount Cents | Remarks — Showing whether payments will continue — how long the money for this contingency — what additions may become necessary or reduction will be made — distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month and for succeeding months &c. — |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1836 July 1 | Wm. D. Shaw | Repairing Rifles & Traps | 723 | 50 | Account closed — |
| " July 16 | Steamer Tecumseh & Owners | Transp.n of Powder & Rifles | 99 | 90 | Do. Do. |
| " " 31 | James H. Vergin | Services as Clerk — | 60 | 00 | Account Continues |
| | | Total | $883 | 40 | |

I certify that the above Abstract is just and true according to the Vouchers in my possession

J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Disbg Agt Ind Removal

Little Rock
July 31 1836

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# Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the Seminole Indians for the month of July 1836.

by Capt. J. Brown U. S. A. Bri. Disbg Agent Indian Rmls & Subsistence

| Date | To whom paid | For what paid | Amount Dollars | Amount Cents | Remarks Showing whether payments will continue how long - the necessity for their continuance what additions may become necessary, or economies will be made - distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month and for succeeding months &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1836 July 1 | Thomas Tennant & Co. | Pmt. of Indian Goods | 18 | 00 | Account closed — |
| | | Total | $18 | 00 | |

I certify that the above Abstract is just & true according to the Vouchers in my possession

Little Rock
July 31 1836

J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Bri. Dis. Agt Ind. Rmls

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# Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the Choctaw Indians for the Month of July 1836.

by Capt. J. Brown, U. S. A. Bri. Disb. Agt. Indian Removal & Subsistence

| Date | To whom paid. | For what paid. | Amount Dollars | Amount Cents | Remarks - Showing whether payments will continue - how long - the receipts for their continuance what additions may become necessary, or reduction will be made - distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month and for succeeding months &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1836 July 19. | William E. Woodruff | Advertising for Proposals | $24 | 37½ | Account closed. |
| | | Total | $24 | 37½ | |

I certify that the above Abstract is just and true according to the Vouchers in my possession. —

Little Rock
July 31. 1836.

Capt

J. Brown Capt U.S.A.
Bri. Agt Ind Rem.

C. Hgs.

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**MONTHLY ABSTRACT** *of Disbursements for the Subsistence of the* Creek **Indians** *for the Month of* April, 1835, *by* Capt. J. Brown. U. S. A. Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Rem.

| DATES. | TO WHOM PAID. | FOR WHAT PAID. | Dollars. | Cents. | REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1835. April 29 | Jas. P. Hellam. | Subsistence furnished. | $ 7 | 92 | to Emy. Creek Indians. Issued by W. J. Beattie. Cond. & c. closed. |

**I Certify** *that the above* **Abstract** *is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.*

Little Rock. Ark.
**Dated** May 1st, 1835.

**Signed** J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Pr. Dis. Agt.
*In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.*

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**MONTHLY ABSTRACT** *of Disbursements for the Transportation of the* Creek **Indians** *for the Month*

May, 1835, by Capt. J. Brown, U.S. A. Pr. Dis. Agent Ind. Remd.

| DATES. | TO WHOM PAID. | FOR WHAT PAID. | Dollars. | Cents. | REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their contin—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between pay for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1835. May 13. | S.B. Veteran & Owen | Freight. | 61 | 08 | On Corn, &c. Choc. Presents, from L. Rock to G. Ward House/da |
| " " 16. | John Brennon. | Corn, &c. | 205 | 59 | Rec'd. & hauled to Ponies. Work Oxen, &c by Capt. Page. 1835. |
| | | | $266 | 62 | |

**I Certify** *that the above* **Abstract** *is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.*

Signed J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Pr. Dis. Agt. *In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.*

Little Rock, A.T.
Dated June 1st, 1835.

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**MONTHLY ABSTRACT** *of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the* Creek **Indians** *for the Month of* May, 1835, by Capt. J. Brown, U. S. A. Prin. Disbg. Agent Ind. Remd.

| DATES. | TO WHOM PAID. | FOR WHAT PAID. | Dollars. | Cents. | REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1835. May 9. | J. M. Millard | Services, &c. | 501 | 00 | as asst. Agent Creek Remd. West. (closed) |
| " " | H. J. H. Reed. | Services | 60 | 00 | as Clerk in the Office of the Prin. Dis. Agt. for Rem. & contin. |
| | | | $561 | 00 | |

I **Certify** *that the above* **Abstract** *is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.*

Little Rock A.T.
Dated June 1st, 1835.

Signed J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Prin. Dis. Agt.
*In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.*

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**MONTHLY ABSTRACT** *of Disbursements for the Transportation of the* Creek **Indians** *for the Month of*

October, 1835, by Capt J Brown & Sub Ben Pisby Agent Indian Removal and Subsistence

| DATES. | TO WHOM PAID. | FOR WHAT PAID. | Dollars. | Cents. | REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1835 Oct 13 | G Stephenson | Freight and Storage | $ 67 | 25 | On Boxes containing Rifles and Blankets - account closed |

**I Certify** *that the above* **Abstract** *is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.*

Little Rock Ark

Dated November 1st, 1835

Signed J Brown Capt U.S.A.
Sub Ind Agt In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.

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**MONTHLY ABSTRACT** *of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the* Creek **Indians** *for the Month of* October, 1835, by Capt J Brown U S A Bin Tibby Agent Indian Removal and Subsistence

| DATES. | TO WHOM PAID. | FOR WHAT PAID. | Dollars. | Cents. | REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1835. Oct 12 | Thomas Irwin | Services. asst Agt: Ind: Removal | $ 297 | 00 | Services as asst Agt in Removal of Creeks - and milage - acct clos |

**I Certify** *that the above* **Abstract** *is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.*

Little Rock
Dated November 1st, 1835

Signed J Brown Capt U S A
Prov Agt
*In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.*

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**MONTHLY ABSTRACT** *of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the* Creeks **Indians** *for the Month of* April, 1835, by Capt. J. Brown, 1st U. S. A. Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Rem'l.

| DATES. | TO WHOM PAID. | FOR WHAT PAID. | Dollars. | Cents. | REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1835. April 23, | S. B. Compromiser & Owen | Freight. | $ 2 | 75 | On Boxes containing Stationary, Oil, &c. (closed) |
| " " 30, | J. H. Reed, | Services | 60 | 00 | as clerk in the Office of the Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Rem'l |
| | | | $ 62 | 75 | continued. |

I Certify that the above **Abstract** is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.

Little Rock, Ark'y, May 1st, 1835.

Signed J. Brown, Capt. 1st U. S. A. Pr. Dis. Agt. In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.

Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the Creek Indians for the month of February, 1855: by Capt. J. Brown, U.S.A. Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Reme.

| Dates. | To whom Paid. | For what Paid. | Amount. Dollars. | Cts. | Remarks. Shewing whether the payments will continue - how long - the necessity for the continuance - what additions may become necessary or reduction will be made distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month and succeeding months, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1855. Jan. 14. | Benj Levy. | Stationary. | 45. | 25 | For use of Office. |
| " " 16. | Wm T. Mays. | Lamp. &c. | 12 | 00 | For use of Office. |
| " " 27. | Mapes, Ryan & Co. | Storage, &c | 120 | 00 | On 100 Boxes Powder. - Presents to Choctaw Indians. 1853. |
| " Feb 9. | J. H. Reed. | Services. | 60 | 00 | as clerk in the Office of the Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Reme. |
| " " 14. | Capt. J. Brown, U.S.A. | Transportation | 146 | 00 | Of Baggage from L. Rock to N. Orleans and from thence back to L. Rock, after funds. |
| " " 25. | Hill. H. Clasbey. | Express. | 14 | 00 | For the purpose of hiring Teams, and conveying orders to Asst. Agt. Hartley |
| " " 27. | Thos. Irwin. | Services. | 208 | 00 | As asst. Agt. Creek Reme. |
| " " 28. | J. H. Reed. | do. | 60 | 00 | as clerk in the Office of the Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Reme. |
| | | Total. | $665 | 25 | |

I certify that the above Abstract is just and true, according to the vouchers in my possession.

Little Rock A.T.
Febry. 28th 1855.

J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Pr. Dist. Ind. Reme

Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Transportation of Creek Indians for the month of Febry. 1855, by Capt. J. Brown, M. S. A. Pr. Dis. Agt Indian Removal.

| Dates. | To whom Paid. | For what Paid. | Amount, Dollars | Cts. | Remarks - shewing whether the payments will continue - how long the necessity for their continuance - what additions may become necessary or reductions will be made - distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month and succeeding months, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1855. Feb. 28. | Will. C. Woodruff. | Corn, | 53 | 75 | Issued to Pack Ponies engaged in the Remo. of Creeks at Strong's 1855. |
| " " " | James Erwin. | Corn. | 138 | 60 | " " " " " in the " of " at Mrs. Blacks. 1855. |
| | | Total. | $192 | 35 | |

I certify that the above Abstract is just and true, according to the vouchers in my possession.

J. Brown Capt. & A.A.
Dis. Agt. Ind. Remo.

Little Rock. A. T.
Febry. 28th 1855.

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**MONTHLY ABSTRACT** *of Disbursements for the Transportation of the* Creek **Indians** *for the Month of* April, 1835, *by* Capt. J. Brown. U. S. A. Pr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Remo.

| DATES. | TO WHOM PAID. | FOR WHAT PAID. | Dollars. | Cents. | REMARKS.—Shewing whether the payments will continue—how long—the necessity for their continuance—what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made—distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month, and for succeeding months, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1835. April 10. | Grim & Greathouse. | Team Hire. | $1.318 | 00 | Employed in the Remo. of Creek Indians. 1835. Ohna |
| " " " | Jared C. Martin. | Team Hire. | 154 | 00 | " " " " " " " " " |
| " " " | Hardy Jones. | Team Hire. | 154 | 00 | " " " " " " " " " |
| " " " | David Fulton. | Team Hire. | 154 | 00 | " " " " " " " " " |
| " " 29. | Jas. P. Hellam. | Cons. | 25 | 80 | Issued to Pack Ponies by W. J. Beattie. Conductor. " |
| | | | $1.809 | 80 | |

I **Certify** *that the above* **Abstract** *is just and true, according to the Vouchers in my possession.*

Signed J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Pr. Dis. Agt. *In the Removal and Subsistence of the Indians.*

Little Rock. A.T.
Dated May 1st, 1835.

Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Subsistence of Creek Indians, for the month of Febry. 1835: by Capt. J. Brown, U. S. A. Dr. Distg. Agt. Indian Removal.

| Dates. | To whom Paid. | For what Paid. | Amount. Dollars. | Cts. | Remarks - Shewing whether the payments will continue - how long - the necess for their continuance - what addition may become necessary or reduction will be - distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present month a succeeding months, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1835. Feb. 28. | Wm. E. Woodruff. | Subsistence, | 21 | 60 | Issued to Emigrating Creeks. at Strongs. 1835. |
| " " " | James Ervin, | Ditto. | 47 | 52 | " to " " at Mrs. Blacks. 1835. |
| | | Total. | $ 69 | 12 | |

I certify that the above Abstract is just and true, according to the vouchers in my possession.

Little Rock. A.T.
Febry. 28th 1835.

J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Distg Agt Ind Rem

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**Shipped**, in good order and well conditioned, by Lieut A Sram, asst Quarter Master of the United States Army, on board the good Steamer called the Wm Parsons — whereof is Master for this present voyage, Miller ~~~~~~~~~~ now lying in the Port of New Orleans and bound for Fort Smith

To SAY:

Choctaws

Major T W. Armstrong, Agt
Fort Smith

3. Thirty Boxes Military Stores

the property of the United States, being marked and numbered as in the margin, and to be delivered in the like good order and well conditioned, at the aforesaid Port of Fort Smith — (the dangers of the ~~Seas~~ only excepted,) unto Major T. W. Armstrong. Agent.

Boots Provisions ~~of~~ the ship at the expense of the Boat

Freight.
3 Boxes. weighing 926 lbs @

or to his Assigns, ~~he paying~~ freight for the same Payable by Capt Jacob Brown at Little Rock (Principal Disbursing Agent) at per Margin (3 at 150 lbs per box)

**In Witness Whereof**, the Master of the said vessel hath affirmed to ~~three~~ four Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which Bills being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at New Orleans, this 18 day of January 1835.

H C Moore agt

1835 CREEKS WEST CAPT. JACOB BROWN DIS. OFFICER (APPROPRIATION INSUFFICIENT)

C. 2.1 S. ?

Abstract of Bids received and opened by Capt J. Brown. U.S.A. Dr. Dis. Agt. Ind. Rem. for supplying the Creek Indians in their New Country with subsistence from the 1st day of may. 1855. to the 31st day of March. 1856.

| Dates. | Bidders Names. | Residence. | Ration Complete. | | Cows and Calves | | Breeding Hogs. | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Cts. | Mills | Dollars | cts | Dollars | cts. | |
| 1855 March 13 | John S. McClellan. | Little Rock. A.T. | 6 | " | 13 | 50 | | | |
| " " 30 | Francis Rafeld. | Little Rock. A.T. | 5 | 8 | 13 per cent. for Cattle & Hogs. accepted. and contract closed. | | | | |
| " " 31 | John Gillard. | Little Rock. A.T. | 6 | 4½ | 12 | 50 | 5 | 00 | |
| " " 15 | John Campbell. | Fort Gibson. | 8½ | " | | | | | |

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true statement of Proposals received, the Originals of which are in my possession.

J. Brown Capt U.S.A.
Dr. Dis Agt Ind Rem.

Little Rock. A.T.
March 31. 1855.

Capt J. Brown
Little Rock, 18 July '35.

States that the sum allowed for the purchase of Cross-cut saws for the Creeks, is not sufficient by $32.—

~~Respectfully referred to Comy Gen'l of Subsistence~~
~~(Indian Dept) March 24. '35.~~
~~Office Ind Affs,~~
~~March 24. 1835.~~

Rec'd. J. Black

Little Rock. A.T.
Febry. 10th 1835.

Sir:

The 5th Article of the Treaty with the Creeks, 14th Febry. 1833, stipulates for the purchase & delivery of 24 Cross Cut Saws. By the Tabular Statement accompanying yours of the 8th July last, the sum put down for the purchase of those Saws, is $96. This is too small a sum to meet that object - that is - to procure saws of suitable size and quality. Nor can 24 saws be had for that sum. I have purchased 12 of the saws, and of size and quality deemed useful, for $64, leaving $32, for the purchase of the balance. Thus it will be seen that $32, more will be required to complete the purchase under the stipulation above noted.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.

J. Moore Capt. U.S.A.
Ord Dis Agt. Ind Annuities

To the
Commissioner of Ind. Affairs.
Washington. C. C.

C5/82

Enclosure 337. Creeks

Capt. J. Brown
L.R. March 31st 1833
Sends abstract of bids
for supplying Creek
Emigrants &c.

Ent. 27 Apl

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Rec'd. Apl. 27th.

Little Rock. A.T.
March 31. 1835.

Sir:

I cover herewith Abstract of Bids received for supplying the Creek Emigrants with subsistence in their new Country West, from the 1st. of May next, to the 31st. of March, 1836. The price of the Rations, as well as the Stock Cattle is lower than I had any expectation of getting them delivered for. A Duplicate of the Contract will be forwarded so soon as the bonds are signed and returned to this Office.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
J Brown Capt. 4th
Mounted Dragoons,

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Comy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington, D.C.

Reg 340. Creeks

Capt. J. Brown.
L. Rock, 3 apl. 1835

Sends his ment & ac
account Subs. of Creeks
for 1qr. 1835.

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Recd. May 1. 1835.

Little Rock, A. T.
April 8th 1835.

Sir:

I transmit herewith account current with Abstracts and vouchers of payments made for subsistence, transportation and contingencies, on account of the Creek Emigration for the 1st qr. of current year. Also, Return of subsistence received and Issued to said Indians during the above quarter.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.

J. Vowell Capt. U.S.A.
Supt. & Agt. Ind. Rend.

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Comy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington. D.C.

Emigrating Creeks

From
Capt. J. Brown
Fort Coffee, 9 July 1835

Sends int. Journal with abstracts
[illegible] of Disb. for Subs;
Transportation & Contingencies,
on acct. Pens. & Subs: of
troops for 2d Quarter &c
also provision Returns with
abstracts & Vouchers to Vouch
for purchase & issue of Subs-
for same &c.

3 August

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Rec'd Aug 3

Fort Coffee.
July 9th 1835.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Account Current with Abstracts and vouchers of Disbursements for Subsistence, Transportation and Contingencies, made on account of the Aud. and Subs. of the Creek Tribe of Indians for the 2d qr. of current year. Also, Provision Return with Abstracts and references to vouchers for the purchase and issue of Subsistence to the Creek Indians, for the quarter above stated.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.

J. J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Dis. Agt. Indians,

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Comy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington. D.C.

From
Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock, Oct 15th 3

Sends Acct. Current, Abstract of Disbmts. and Vouchers, - also Return of Subsistence, for 3d Quarter 1835 - for Remd & Subsistence of Creeks.

9 Nov

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec'd 9 Nov

Little Rock A.T.
October 15 1835

Sir

Herewith you will receive Acc't Current with Abstracts of Disbursements and vouchers made during the 3rd quarter 1835. on Acc't of the Removal and Subsistence of the Creek Indians. viz - for Subsistence - Transportation and Contingencies. Also a return of Subsistence issued during quarter above named.

Very Respectfully
I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servant

J Provoo Capt U.S.A.
Commdg Ind Terr

Genl Geo Gibson.
Coms Genl of Subsistence.
Washington.
D.C.

Emig 418 Creeks Letter

From Capt. J. Bean
Little Rock
Nov. 20. 1836

Transmits Estimate of funds for 1st Quarter of 1836 for the Creeks, accompanied by Statement of funds on hand, &c

Receipts letter of 16 Ultimo with Blank Forms &c.

10 Decr

PROVIDED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Received

Little Rock
Nov 30 1835

Sir;

I transmit herewith estimate of Funds for the 1st qr. of 1836, for the Quarts. only accompanied by statement of Funds on hand, and their probable application.

Your communication, of the 16 ults. accompanied by Blank Forms of "Statement of Letters received and written is received

Very Respectfully
I have the honor to be
your Obt Servant
J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Dis Agt Ind Rem.

Genl Geo Gibson
Com. Genl of Subsistence
Washington
D.C.

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) CAPT.J.BROWN,DISB.AGENT (A/C OF DR.J.T.FULTON FOR 1834. BLANKETS & RIFLES RECD. FROM CAPT PAGE. REL. TO CONTRACTS FOR SUBSISTENCE 1836)

Emig 400 Creeks

Letter

From Capt. J. Brown

Little Rock Oct 19-35

Transmits, at request of Dr. S. J. Fulton, Medical acct for attending a party of Creeks ~~at~~ Cadron Creek in 1834. — to which he requires the sanction of Dept before the payment is made

9 Nov.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec'd

Little Rock A.T.
October 19. 1835

Sir,

I transmit herewith, at the request of Doctor John T. Fulton, an account for medical services, rendered the U. States, attending upon a party of emigrating Cherokees, labouring under cholera, at Cadron Creek, in 1834; and which require the sanction of the Department, before payment of same can be made by me.

I have the honor to be.
Your Obt Servant.
J Brown Capt. 1st Dragoons
Commdg Arkansas Post,

Genl Geo: Gibson
Comy Genl of Subs.
Washington
D.C.

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From

Capt. J. Brown

Little Rock, Oct. 20, 35

Receipt 7 Boxes of Blankets, & 28 Boxes of Rifles presents to Creeks forwarded by Capt. Page &c.

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Recd 10th

Sir

Little Rock, Ark,
Octr 20th 1865.

I have received 7 Boxes of Blankets, & 28 Boxes containing Rifles, presents for the Creek Indians forwarded to this place by Qmr. Page as directed in your communication of the 12th. of May last,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt,
J. P. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Mustering Off Ind Bureau

Genl. Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl. of Subs
Washington D.C.

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Rec'd 4 Jany

Little Rock A. T.
Decr 11th 1835.

Sir—

As the present Contract for supplying the Creek Emigrants with Subsistence in their New Country, will expire on the 31st of March next, but little time remains before notice ought to be given for a new Contract.

Under full expectation of learning on this, the extent of present year's Emigration, I have delayed writing in relation to what length of time the new Contract ought to embrace; commencing as it will on the 1st of April next 1836.

I shall issue notice for proposals for the Contract on the first of January next, and to run to the last of February following. This will give 60 days notice; and, if the Contract is made, 31 days to the Contractor to make arrangement for issuing.

The contract will be made to run for one year, and to supply all emigrants that shall arrive in their New Country within that year, be the same more or less.

If these terms do not meet your approbation, there will be, if early approved, ample time to make such alterations in the notice calling for proposals, as the Department shall deem necessary.

I have the honor to be
Your Obt. Svt.

J Brown Capt U.S.A.,
Dr. Ag't, Lin, Rem'd

Genl Geo. Gibson
Comy Gen. of Subsistence
Washington D. C.

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) HON.LEWIS CASS,SECY OF WAR (AUTHORIZES J.B.HOGAN TO EMPLOY 3 ASST.AGENTS IN REMOVAL)

728

Emig 276 Creeks

Hon. Lew. Cass
Sept. 14th 1833 –

Authorizes Col J. B. Hogan to employ three Ass.t Agents in the rem.l of Creeks at not more than $3½ per day.

15 Sept.

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Recd. 15 Sept

War Department
September 14. 1835

Sir,

Col. Hogan, principal Agent for the removal of the Creeks, has applied for permission to employ three assistants to aid him in the duty he has to perform. The reasons he has given in his letter of the 11th inst, appear to me satisfactory. If you will please to authorize him to employ those persons whenever he shall find it necessary, at a compensation not exceeding three & a half dollars a day, including their expenses, × & as much less than that as they can be procured for.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
L. W. Cass

Pen.
George Gibson
Commy Gen. of Subsistence.

× Pay bill to be [illegible] 3 dollars a day, [illegible]

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) LT.EDWARD DEAS DISB AGENT (A/CS & MONTHLY STATEMENTS)

730

Lieut. Edward Deas
Fort Mitchell Ala
1 Oct. 1835.
Sends Accts. as Disb. Agt.
for the Quarter ending
30th Sept. 1835.

Oct 12

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Recd Oct 13

Fort Mitchell Alabama
1st October 1836.

"Emigration of Indians"

To,
General George Gibson, Commis.r Gen.l of Subsistence
General.

I have the honor herewith to transmit my accounts as Disbursing Agent in the Creek Emigration, for the Quarter ending the thirtieth of September 1836:

I am Sir, respectfully
Your Obed.t Servant
Edw. Deas
2nd Lieut. &
Distr.g Agent

Lower Creek

From Lt. Ed. Deas

Ft. Mitchell Ala. 8th Nov. 35

Forwards Monthly Statement of letters for Oct and Abstract of Disbursements, &c of 3d Quarter for 1835

Rec'd 18 Nov

18 Nov

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Recd 18 NW

Fort Mitchell Ala. 8th Novem. 1833.

To,
General George Gibson,
Comm. Gen. Subsistence

General, I have the honor to forward herewith a Statement of letters received & written on the Indian Emigration in the month of October 1833. I also enclose my Abstract of Disbursements for Contingencies for the Quarter ending the 30th September last, signed by Capt. Page as directed. This would have been done when making up my accounts at the end of the Quarter, but Capt. Page, to whom I shewed my instructions, was of opinion that from the nature of the Disbursements his signature would be unnecessary. I am Sir, my

Respectfully, Your Ob. Servant
Edw. Deas
2nd Lieut. &
Disb. Agent.

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) LT EDWARD DEAS,DISB.AGENT (PROCEEDED WITH PARTY BY WATER TO MEMPHIS FROM TUSCUMBIA. PONIES BY LAND. ARRIVAL AT MEMPHIS,ETC)

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Memphis Tenn.e 31st Decr. 1836

Recd 18 Janry

To
General George Gibson
Commissary General
of Subsistence

General

I have the honour to report that the Emigrating Party of Creek Indians arrived near this place to day. I had the honour to address you from Tuscumbia Ala. on the 21st inst. & from Paducah on the 28th giving an account of our progress up to that time, & also the mode of proceeding intended to be pursued until our arrival at Fort Gibson. Nothing of particular consequence has since occurred. The Boats were landed this morning on the opposite bank of the river to prevent the Indians having access to the Whisking shops of the town, and it is intended to proceed this afternoon. The Party having charge of the Ponies also arrived this morning & will proceed without delay through the Mississippi Swamp towards their destination.

Thus far there has been but little sickness on our route, and no deaths

since we left Incumbia

I have nothing further of interest to communicate at present. I am Sir

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant.
Edw. Deas
2nd Lieut. &
Sub. Agent of the
Cherok. Emigration

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From Lt. Ed: Deas. 56 Emig Creek

Paducah, Mo. of Tenn. Riv.
28 Dec. 1835

States that the intention of proceeding to Memphis by land was changed in consequence of the bad state of the roads, & decided to take water passage at Tuscumbia — The Pony Pioneers sent by land — The party just arrived at this place in steamboat & two keels & to proceed as soon as provisions are procured. — Left Tuscumbia on 23th inst. — Lost a negro boy at T. — Party had little trouble with Indians ~~[illegible]~~ States the mode of proceeding with the party, &c.

14 Jany 1836

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Rec. 14th Paduca Ky. Mouth of Tennessee River
28th December 1835.

To,

General George Gibson
Commissary General of
Subsistence

General.

On the 21st inst. I had the honour to address you from Tuscumbia Alaba. on the subject of Emigrating Party of Creek Indians, now on their way to the West.

At the time I wrote it was intended to proceed at least as far as Memphis by Land, but the day after, travellers arriving from that direction, gave such extremely unfavourable accounts of the state of the roads, that it was decided to take water at Tuscumbia; which was done accordingly.

The Indian Ponies were as usual, sent on by Land under charge of Agents and a sufficient number of Volunteers from the Indians to take proper care of them.

The Party arrived at this place to-day at 9 o'clock A.M. on board the S.B. Boat Alpha and two Keels, & landed, & will proceed this afternoon, as soon as the means of provisions can be procured and

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placed on board. Nothing of particular importance has occurred since I last wrote.

One Negro Boy died at Juscumbia on the 22nd, but thus far but little sickness has occurred. We left Juscumbia on the afternoon of the 23rd & since that time the mode of travelling has been to stop before dark & allow the Party to encamp & start again the next morning after daylight. In this way the Indians prefer this mode of conveyance to travelling by Land, & appear well satisfied in all respects. The same plan is intended to be pursued until we arrive at Fort Gibson, unless circumstances should make it preferable on all accounts to continue to run at night. Fresh Beef & Meal have been regularly issued since we left Juscumbia, and temporary Ovens have been constructed on the decks of the two Keel-Boats by which the people are enabled to prepare their food & keep themselves warm through the day.

The Boats are also cleaned out every night after stopping, & I shall continue to see that all proper precautions are taken to insure the health & comfort of the Emigrants.

There is nothing further to commu-

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nicate upon this subject at present, but I hope that in a short time I shall be enabled to inform you from Memphis, that the Party is still progressing upon its route in good condition.

I am Sir Respectfully
Your Obd.t Servant
Edw. Lear
2nd Lieut &
Asst. Agent in the
Creek Emigration

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Rec.d 6 Jany. Encampment of Indians. one mile west of Tuscumbia Alaba.a 21st Dec.r 1835.

To,

General George Gibson
Commissary Gen.l of Subsis.ce

General,

I have the honour to state that the Party of Emigrating Creek Indians to which I am attached, arrived & encamped at this place this afternoon. On the 6th of this month I had the honour to address you from near Wetumpka, giving an account of the progress of the Party up to that time. On the 9th inst.t the Indians having been mustered & enrolled proceeded on the way to Memphis in the direction of Montevallo, the Contractors preferring what is called the northern route through Elyton, Moulton, & Tuscumbia, on account of the roads being generally at this season better than that which was taken last year through Tuscaloosa, although the latter is somewhat shorter.

Up to this time nothing of particular importance has occurred upon our way — the weather has been uncommonly fine & the roads consequently very good. This being the case the party has been enabled to travel rather

more than the average of 12 miles a day. but of course when the weather becomes bad & the roads muddy, the rate of travelling will be diminished accordingly.

As yet I have had no occasion to remonstrate upon any subject with the Agent of the Contractors. The means of transportation & subsistence have been of the proper kind, & in the quantity required by the Contract

The rations have been issued regularly under my observation, and have consisted of Beef & Corn with the exception of three days when Meal was issued instead of the latter. I purchased before starting such medicines as Dr. Randall required, but up to this time few cases of sickness have occurred & it has not been necessary to leave any upon the route from that cause.

An unfortunate quarrel took place upon the 7th inst. amongst some of the Indians whilst intoxicated, which resulted in the death of one of them. This however was supposed to be accidental, or rather unintentional, in consequence of which the friends of the man killed have taken no steps to punish his death in the usual manner, according to their laws

No other difficulties have occurred.

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and as far as I am able to judge the removal of the Party has been well conducted according to the Contract.

I have nothing further of interest to communicate at present upon the subject of the Emigration. I am Sir, very

Respectfully
Your Obd.t Servant
Edw Dead
2nd Lieut &
Dist.t Agent in the
Creek Emigration

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Encampment on Indiana 2 miles
Rec.d Feb.y 26 west of Fort Smith Arkansas Ty.
28th January 1836.

Dr.

General George Gibson
Commissary General of Subsistence
General

On the 9th ult. I had the honor to address you with a letter upon the subject of the Party of Creek Indians now emigrating. Since that time we have met with much detention from the low state of the water in the Arkansas River. On the 20th inst. we reached this place, and it was found impossible to move further by water. The Party was therefore encamped at this place on the north bank of the river, and the Agent of the Contractors, undertook to provide the necessary means of transportation by land.

~~Depending on this assurance to Fort Gibson~~ on the return of the Indian Packet & Wagon Train, which by some mistake had gone on instead of encamping near Fort Smith as was directed, until the arrival of the Boats.

Now that we hit for the returned this afternoon, and the requisite number of Wagons having been secured, I am ready to move on morning.

The weather & roads being good at present, the Party will probably reach

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Fort Gibson within five days.

The Indians have remained healthy & nothing else of particular importance relative to them has occurred since I last had the honour to address you upon this subject. I am Sir, respectfully

Your Obd.t Servant

Edw.d Deas

Sub Lieut.

Sickness! Agitation in the Creek Emigration

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) LT.EDWARD DEAS,DISB.AGENT (WILL AWAIT ORDERS-AT FT.MITCHELL. REL TO PURCHASE OF A HORSE. EN ROUTE WEST WITH INDIANS. TO WHOM SHALL A/CS

C 1/28

Emig 38. Creek

Lt. Edwd. Deas
New York 28th May 1835
will proceed immediately
to Fort Mitchell and
on Public Service
there await orders

To
Brevet Major George Gibbons
Commdg Emigrating
Washington
D. C.

NEW-YORK
MAY
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Recd 30. May

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Recd 31 May

New York 28th May 1835.

General,

I have the honor to state that in compliance with orders from the Adjt. General, I shall sail to-day for Charleston, on my way to Fort Mitchell, Ala., there to await your orders. I am sir

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servant
Edw. Deas
2nd Lieut.
4th Regt. of Artillery

To
General George Gibson
Commissary General
of Subsistence

Emig 40 Creek

Lt. Edwd. Deas

Fort Mitchell 30th June 1835

Wishes to Know whether he may purchase or hire for the use of the Service.

FREE

Emigration of Indians

Commissary General of Subsistence

Washington City.

D. C.

9 Aug.

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Recd. Jul 5 Fort Mitchell Ala. 30th June 1835.

To,
General George Gibson
Commissary General of Subsistence

General,

I find that when I shall have occasion to leave this place in the performance of my duties as Disbursing Agent, in other parts of the Creek Nation, the use of a Horse will be absolutely necessary. As I receive no extra compensation in the performance of this duty, it is impossible for me to incur this expense upon the base emoluments of Second Lieutenant. The purchase of the a Horse with the usual furniture would alone, make it necessary for me to obtain more than two months pay in advance. Under these circumstances, I request to be instructed how to act in regard to this matter in order that I may not risk making any expenditure of Funds that would not meet with the full approbation of the Department.

I am General. Most Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Edw. Deas
2nd Lieut 4th Artillery
Disbursing Agent in Creek Emigration.

Examd 52 Creek

Lt. Ed. Deas
Willis of Wetumpka
6th Decr. 1833

Is on his way west
with the Indians

Wishes to know whether
he shall send his accts
to this office at the end
of the qr. or retain them
for the signature of
Capt. Page &c

Ans. 21

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Rec'd 21 Dec. Encampment of Indians, four miles N. West of Wetumpka Ala.
6th December 1830.

To, General George Gibson
Commissary Gen.l of Subsis.

General,

I have the honor herewith to forward a Statement of Letters received & written on the Indian Emigration for the month of November last made out as near the form as I remember, having by mistake left the Blanks furnished me at Fort Mitchell. This is the earliest opportunity, I have had of doing so since the first of the month not before having been in the vicinity of a Post office.

On the 11th of last month I received a letter from the Superintendent of the Removal Col. Hogans appointing me to the first party of the Emigrants that should go West as Military Agent on the part of the Government. About the same time I was informed by the Contractors at Columbus that a Party was in preparation to move & would probably assemble at Young's Ferry on the Talapoosa River about the 22nd of last month. On the 13th therefore I left

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Fort Mitchell for the purpose of joining them proceeding first to Montgomery together the Funds turned over to me by Capt. Page that might become necessary on the route West. On the 23rd of last month I reached one of the points of Assembling the Indians and have accompanied them since that time. On the 2nd of this month about Five hundred coming from different points met near Young's Ferry on the Talapoosa which is about thirty miles from this place & on the next day the whole under the direction of the Agent of the Contractors proceeded on their way to Wetumpka which place we passed through yesterday & encamped here in the afternoon. As the Contractors expected that the number of Indians would increase until the Party left the Nation the enrollment of them did not take place until to-day. Major Blue has been directed by the Superintendent to see this properly attended to, & will I presume sign & forward the Roll to-morrow. Since joining the party of Emigrants I have carefully attended to the Issue of Provisions, the comfort & proper treatment of the Indians, & such other duties as have been assigned to me

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Thus far nothing of particular importance has occurred upon the route the Indians appear well satisfied & every disposition has been evinced upon the part of the Company to comply with the Conditions of the Contract

When any thing of interest occurs upon the way I will of course communicate it by ~~the earliest opportunity~~.

My Instructions direct that the Abstracts for any Disbursements I may have occasion to make, shall be signed by the Superintendent & by Capt. Page. I therefore request to be informed whether my Accounts shall be forwarded at the end of the Journey or whether I shall await until my return from the West, to submit my Accounts for the signatures of those Officers.

A letter directed to me at Memphis, after the receipt of this will have time to reach there ~~by~~ on my arrival at that place

I am Sir, Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Edgr. Sears
2nd Lieut &
Disbursing Agent
Ch. Emigration

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) A. DICKINS, SEC'Y OF STATE (NOTE FROM THE MEXICAN CHARGE' REL TO CREEKS ENCROACHING UPON MEXICAN TERRITORIES)

C.D.S.

Genl 46 Creek 4f.

A. Dickins
Asst Secy State
Oct 17th 1835

Enclosing a translation of a note from the Mexican Chargé d'Affaires relative Creek Indians' encroaching upon the Mexican Territories

Ans. W.D. Oct. 20. 35

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20th Oct

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Ans'd & Referred to War Dept
Oct 26.

Department of State,
Washington, 17th October, 1835.

The Honorable Lewis Cass,
Secretary of War

Sir: By the President's direction, I have the honor to transmit a translation of a note from the Chargé d'Affaires of the United Mexican States relative to certain alleged encroachments of Creek Indians upon the Mexican territory. This Department will be happy to receive any information which the Department of War may be able to furnish for the purpose of enabling it to answer Mr Castillo's

note.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Asbury Dickins

Acting Secretary.

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Translation of a letter from the Chargé d'Affaires of Mexico

To A. Dickens Esq: Acting Secretary of State

Mexican Legation

Philadelphia October 14th 1835.

The Undersigned, Chargé d'Affaires of the United Mexican States, has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a Note from Mr Dickens dated the 12th inst, with the copy enclosed and the official letter from the Political Chief of the Department of Nacogdoches; for the transmission of which documents he expresses his thanks to Mr Dickens.

The said Political Chief in his letter communicates, that the tribe of Creeks from Alabama, is now emigrating and establishing itself in lands belonging to Mexico, without any license or authority to that effect; he therefore requests me to state the fact to the Executive of the United States of America, in order that ~~proper~~ measures may be taken to restrain that tribe, within its proper limits. As the representation made by the

Political

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Political Chief of the Department of Na-
cogdoches is founded on the thirty third article
of the existing Treaty of Friendship between
the two Republics the Undersigned hopes that
Mr Dickens will submit the import of this
note to the President of the United States and
that His Excellency will cause the requisite
Executive measures to be taken if the facts
should be as stated by the Political Chief, in
order to repress any incursions into the Mexican
territory on the part of the Indians who inha-
bit that of the United States.

The Undersigned avails himself of
this opportunity to renew to Mr Dickens the
assurances of his distinguished consideration.

J. M. de Castillo y Lanzas

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) JOHN B.HOGAN,SUPT. (OPOTHLE YOHOLO OPPOSED TO REMOVAL.-REL.TO EMIGRATION TO TEX-

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Ewing 72 Creek

Col. J. B. Hogan
Mobile, 18th April 1835

Capt Page will go to
Fort Mitchell to prepare
his acct for settlement

Franklin
Franklin County
First Class
Alabama

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Recd May 1

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Rec'd May 1.

Mobile 18th April 1835

Sir

Captain Page has just arrived here after a much fatiguing journey & will set out forthwith for Fort Mitchell with a view of adjusting his accounts & vouchers for settlement, this course I have advised him to adopt as it would be impossible for him to get them ready at this [illegible] place for making up his accounts, as well as for consultation, & while I am visiting the other part of the Nation he can be furnishing information to those Indians in that vicinity.

I have the honor to
Remain your Obt Servt
Jno B. Hogan

[illegible]

Colonel George Gibson
Com Gen Subsy
Washington City

Emig 76. Creeks

Col. J. B. Hogan
Montgomery 1st May 1835

Has rec.d letter 24 Apl.

He will proceed upon the plan mentioned in his former letters &c

Copy

Rec.d 12 May

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec. 12 May

Montgomery 1st May 1835

To
General Geo. Gibson

Sir

Your letter of the 14th ultimo came to hand on the eve of my leaving Mobile and I now take the first opportunity of answering it. I reached this place this evening & am now within 30 miles of Buckatalchie and shall proceed there in the morning accompanied by Mr Alex H. Sommerville who has just returned with Captain Page from Arkansaw whether he accompanied him as his assistant, Mr Sommerville I presume is well known to the Department having assisted Mr Coffey in the removal of the Choctaws. From the high character given by Captain Page of Mr Sommerville's efficiency & usefulness I shall retain him in the same situation he has recently held under Captain Page.

In my communication of the 3rd ultimo addressed to your department you will perceive I have laid down my plan of operations which I feel satisfied must succeed, unless I am cramped for want of efficient assistance, and I trust you will agree with me in believing that it is the best of economy to get these people removed as fast as possible, and for three or four persons to ride over nine Counties & undertake to collect them in detail would consume an immense deal of time if not all the summer and throw the removal at a late period in the fall so as to cost the Government as much again in carriages, delays on the road from bad roads, high waters, broken teams and a thousand other contingencies that never will assist a late March in the fall or winter season. Believing I understand the object and intention of the Government I shall proceed on my original plan as communicated in my letter using at the same time the most rigid economy that the nature of the service will admit of & employ no more persons than is absolutely required & them at as low a rate of compensation, as they can be obtained at, but there must be exceptions to every rule and it may be indispensible to obtain the services of some men I must have all the pay of assistant Conductors, and such I shall have to pay as Conductors or assistant agents. The pay buy the same, most of those

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appointments will be but temporary & will be discharged as soon as their services can be dispensed with. Mr James Brown and I have engaged him as assistant Conductor, & shall employ him in a variety of ways, at that compensation, after leaving Tuscaloosa I shall proceed to Fort Mitchell to join Capt Page as I have then will be the first party to move. Major Blue is within the County of Tuscaloosa, Col Hunter I have not yet heard from. I learn there has been a public meeting in Columbus on the subject of the late indian depredation, by shooting at the travellers. from all I learn I am not surprised that the indians have become exasperated, at the whites, and altho the meeting may look big on paper I am fearful it is all for effect. I shall keep you richly appraised of the movement of every man in the service & all that I shall temporarily employ.

I have the honor to
remain your obt Servt

Geo W Morgan
Spec Agent

Please forward your future communications
to Fort Mitchell

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Ens 79. Creek

Col. A B Mayson
Fort Mitchell, May 14 1835

Wishes to know who shall supply Capt Page, place in the Nation while he goes West &c.

Rec'd 20 May

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Recd. May 20th (No. 7)

Fort Mitchell 18th May 1835

Sir

In my letter of yesterday I omitted to make mention of a difficulty that has presented itself to my mind as well as to Captain Page's Mind who is to proceed with the first & second parties ~~Qr~~ disbursing officer the should we be able to send on a party in June & July I shall still want a disbursing officer to remain here to aid in preparing the other parties, if Capt. Page goes with the first party who is to do his duty in his stead Captain Page thinks it proper that an other subaltern should be detailed for this service & sent as immediately if a party can be had it must move between the first & 15th of June and one every month thereafter if possible. If you agree with us it will be well to have the officer or officers here as soon as possible

I have the honor to
remain your Obt Servt
Thos B. Moore

Lt Gnl Geo. Gibson
Washington City

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(No. 6)

To General George Gibson

Rec'd 29 May

Fort Mobile Alabama
9th May 1835

Sir

In my letter of the 8th inst (No. 5) I stated that I should set out the next day for Tuckabatchee which place I reached in due time & spent a day in visiting Tallassee & other towns & also Opothleholo at his own residence which afforded me a fine opportunity of holding a free & open conversation with him on the subject of Emigration, I found him very talkative but decidedly opposed to visiting arkansaw & not disposed at present to remove any where, he spoke of his wish to see the Secretary or rather the President to settle up old matters & understands things better in future &c I asked him why he did not go at once to Washington & see the President or Secretary? he said they had not invited him and he did not like to jump up & go without being invited. previous to seeing Opothleholo I met Dutrouex at Tallassee & learned from him the full views of Opothleholo who is without doubt the greatest Sandian in the creek nation & a very schrewd man, but still he is the dupe of three white men these men are Doctors Weir & Billingsly & Major Crowley under the firm of Weir Billingsly & Co. they are leading Millerites of Montgomery County. they controul Opothleholo & Opothleholo controuls all that part of the creek nation these men have stores in Tuckabatchee & are large buyers of Indian lands

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and are no doubt the originators of this Texas scheme, they have persuaded Opothle hole that he is the Creek Nation & whenever he chooses to remove the Government must recognize him as Chief & pay the annuities to him. I determined to undeceive him at once by telling him that when the five years expired the Government would know no Indians as the Creek Nation but such as were in Arkansas, that if he went to Texas he would expatriate himself & all who went with him, if he remained here he would only be known as a citizen of Alabama without the full privileges of one, for he could never have a vote in the selection of the persons who would make laws for his government I told him that General Jackson would rigidly fulfill every article of the treaty and at the same time would require an exact performance of the same on the part of the Indians. I found I had staggered him in a tender point & he again reverted to the annuity and asked me what difference it made to the government whether they paid the annuity on the Red river or on the Arkansas I told him the government would pay but in one place & that would be in Arkansas. from Deutrow I learned that their object in wishing to visit Washington was to ascertain the amount of the reserved fund for paying the citizens of Ga for depredations they think there will be enough left of that fund after satisfying every claim to buy the Texas land and also they want to make some arrangement for their share of the annuity should they go

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to Texas, in my letter of the 6th april I mentioned this Texas scheme from all I can ascertain I have no doubt the following are the facts of the case. Messrs Billingsley & Co have set up Apothlehola to buy this grant they have by occasionally lending money to the Chiefs obtained an uncontrolled influence over them & particularly over Apothlehola the plan is to buy an entire grant of 50 miles square from a mexican who is bound in two years more to place 200 families on this land they are to give him $3000 - and place the 200 families of the Creek Indians on the land on reaching New orleans the agent of the mexican had gone to New york & they dispatched a Captain Hodgskiss or Hodgskittsitt with 23.000$ to buy the grant the titles is to be made in the name of Messrs. Billingsley & Co. who are to undertake to comply with the requisition of the Mexican Govt. by placing 200 families on the land. the balance of the money is to be made up out of the annuity or by the sale of the Mile Chiefs reserve which are immensely valuable, Messrs Billingsley & Co will get the whole of these tracts of land & they certainly are the finest body of land I have seen in alabama. among the actors in this scheme is a celebrated half Breed by the name of Ben Hawkins this Hawkins is a great scamp & ran away from Arkansas to Texas & is now on his way to New york untill he is nearly ten, this fellow was brought here to spread dissatisfaction among the Indians by telling stories about Arkansas

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Hawkins it is said will try to draw the secretary of war to find out his views about such matters as most interest them, in my conversation with those men I gave an unqualified opinion that the President would not recognize the removal of them to Texas or would ever order any portion of the annuity to be paid at any other place but in Arkansaw or the country now occupied the creek nation and I warned Opothlehola to beware of frauds or he might repent when it was too late, the old fellow seemed in a fine humour but I could see he did not like that part of my discourse in which I told him that at the expiration of the five years there would be but one creek nation that in Arkansaw & to those people would the Rifles & blankets & annuities be paid, after hearing him I determined to proceed to Doctor McHenry's in Chambers County distance 45 miles, Doct McHenry is the certifying agent and as the reports of speculation frauds practiced on the Indians had been published in the Alabama papers the Doctor had appointed this week for a review of those cases and I was apprized that there would be at least 1000 Indians on the ground hence it would be a fine opportunity to see them collected & give them a talk, I repaired there & met Major Blue who had come there for the same purpose I sent my interpreter to say to the chiefs that I was desirous of holding a talk with them & sent me word they would all repair to the Camp of the Tuckabatchees at 12 Oclock

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Whither Impaind & gave them a long talk I told them
what I had said to Opothleholo on the subject of Texas
& the annuity & what the Government would consider the Creek
Nation &c. Little Doctor, Mad Bear & Jim Boy each occas
ionally asked questions & finally told me they could not now
give me any answer but that before the Indians left the
ground they would give out the broken days as they call
it for a general council when if I would attend they would
tell me the voice of the nation, after remaining a day
there and making some arrangements for an enrollment
of such Indians as reside in that neighborhood I came
on to this post. From all I have been able to ascertain
I am confident that in that portion of the Creek Nation
there is at present little or no hopes of emigration &
my efforts must be directed to this quarter, Villatis
Talladega & Black Ivory in Chambers County and that
while the government continue to pay the annuity in
Alabama or the Indians have lands to sell, or negro property
these speculators will not let them go. and if the Govern
ment can dispense with paying any further annuity except
at the present one, which should be paid immediately they
should let it be distinctly understood that this was
the last annuity the Government would ever pay in
Alabama & all future annuities should be paid
in Arkansas

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as yet I have not been able to procure a copy of the Creek treaty of Fort Mitchell without a knowledge of that instrument I believe that a letter written by the Department to Opothleyohola & the Head men of the Creek Nation setting forth the views of the President on this Texas scheme would have a happy effect on him, Should you agree with me I should be furnished with a copy of it to read to the head men of the different towns and at this grand Council I could make good use of such a letter particularly if it went so far as to assure ~~the nation~~ the Nation that they must remove or loose their annuity their rifles, Blankets, &c, the indians have been quite hostile in this part of the nation, they shot a man & woman in Chambers County & some in this, & people are afraid to ride alone among them, one fellow threatened Major Blue that if he attempted to remove them he would kill him. I shall send down tomorrow to Bartow County to make arrangements for seizing each of the towns, I have appointed Major Phillips an assistant Conductor & authorized him to enroll the Indians residing in his vicinity near Black stone, & I have also appointed Jno P Cunningham & Edwd Royster assistant Conductors & will station them in Benton & Talladega, Col Hunter I have heard nothing from as yet & Major Blue will be here to night to receive his orders as to enrollment & preparations for an encampment Mr Sommerville will remain with me after visiting the lower creeks I shall proceed to Talladega Benton &c

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as yet I have received no letters but your circular & your letter of instructions accompanying the circular and yours of the 14th ultimo. I have received no blank forms. I shall want them ~~many~~ blanks immediately and I shall use every effort to have an encampment at this place forthwith as well as at such other points as will best suit. What I have stated in relation to the Texas scheme & the names I have given as concerned I have no doubt are correct, but in writing to the Government on so delicate a subject as this I presume it is confidential as much injury might result to me personally if those persons to whom I had pointed their scent & given in their names & plans. My information was obtained from a person in their confidence who was to have had a separation under the 5th rule of the second article I am required to give the Department every assurance the knowledge of which can be useful & believing it all important that the Dept. should know every obstacle that operates against the removal I have given you what I consider the principal obstacle in my way if Apothlehola is once convinced that it is his interest to go he will carry off the entire nation it is only for the government to let him know they are apprized of all his plans & that they will not be sanctioned & that if he persists in it he must do it without the countenance of the Government & without the aid of the annuity & he will

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Col. J. B. Morgan
Fort Mitchell, 9th May 1835

Details a conversation he had by him with a Spokeshoe & other Indians: They are opposed to removal

Gives his views of the projected Road to Texas &c

Thinks a letter from Dept to the Indians would be of service &c

Recd May 19th

Dear Genl I have this moment been informed that some white men have been killing game on the lands belonging to the Creek nation & that they will be here to-morrow morning early. I shall therefore remain here until I receive further instructions from you.

Yours respectfully
J. B. Morgan

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(No 8) Rec'd 23 may

Fort Mitchell Alabama
14th May 1835

Sir

I have just returned from an excursion to the Indian settlements in the lower end of this Barbour County. the Indian towns & settlements on the Chatahoochy are entirely abandoned & the indians driven into the pine woods some 10 or 15 miles in the rear, to hunt them up in detatched parties made it extremely difficult, my spirit has principally with the head men or chiefs as I find nothing can be done in emigration unless the chiefs agree to it. to see them then, was a paramount duty & I regret to say after all the fatigue & ride this alone by without a road & the difficulties of crossing deep creeks with high perpendicular banks, I was compelled after visiting the domicils of the chiefs to return to this place without seeing them; my ride however was not entirely lost as it afforded me an opportunity of seeing many leading indians, the not chiefs & left a message with the families of the chiefs that I had come to see them & tell them of the arrangement making to remove them & their families, and to request them to call on me & from what I could gather from those I seen I am induced to believe I shall get a party from that quarter, altho. I must acknowledge I feel rather blue pin, when I look around me

and due so many obstacles shown in the way of Emigration, the annuity first, nothing will induce the Indians to go while they are expecting the Annuity, again it is reported that the Certifying agents are stopped & a new Agent Genl Sandy appointed to investigate the frauds, which their is a hope of getting back the land stolen from them they will not move, again this infernal Texas Scheme is in the way of the Tuckabachians & while that is on foot Pothle Loto will not go & unless he does his Indians will not move — I am told that the last Annuity was paid & immediately divided into two parts Pothleoto took one $24000. — the other part was handed to the principal Chief in this one of the Nations, (mego mathlay) his money I understand is then put into the hands of certain white men who holds it to pay the claims of each part of the Nation. Their own store accounts is first in order & the balance is paid to the order of the two Chiefs and the Common Indians get nothing or order on the stores &c. Now it strikes me that unless this plan is looked up in some way their is little or no prospect of removing these people in a body and no plan seems so feasible as to order Cash Pay to pay this annuity & to pay it to the Indians individually in a proportionate order, according to rank or otherwise. this plan would break the influence of the Chiefs and would destroy the prospects of those speculators who now control Pothleoto & the other Chiefs and would break up the Texas scheme for

for it would scatter the money among the common Indians & leave none for Mark Bellings[illegible] to pay for Texas. Capt Page states he would be perfectly willing to pay the annuity in this way if requested; and at the same time the Indians should be informed that this was the last annuity to be paid in Alabama unless the government take some decisive steps with these Indians they will not emigrate but remain here a curse to the country & themselves, they are in such a starving condition now that they kill all the stock they can lay their hands on and the people are having very much alarmed & will not travel thro the nation except in parties of them or from what I mentioned in my letter of the 9th inst (No 6) has been fully corroborated by Major Blue who left here on 10th he said the story from Major Cowles one of the form of Mark Bellings[illegible] who stated to Major Blue the whole transaction & he then added that Bellings[illegible] has gone again into Texas to ascertain from the Mexican authorities whether the introduction of the 200 Indians will be considered as a compliance with the conditions of the grant, or whether they must be white families; it seems they fear the Indians may not be received by the Mexicans & the money paid for the grant will be lost. I have no doubt from what I know of that country but the location of the Indians will be resisted by the citizens of Texas, who are now looking about for allies to aid themselves & their present Indian population

and by a failure of that scheme & a few deceptive steps in relation to the Annuity. Altho I do this whole people will be ready in the fall or early in the Spring.—

I have heard nothing from Col Hunter as yet

Your Obt Servt

Jno. B. Hogan

Genl Geo Gibson
Com Genl Subs.

Superintendent Removal of Creek Indians

P.S. I omitted to mention that on yesterday I was informed by a Mr. Sims that the murderer of Mr Fanning was there all day on Sunday last & boasted of his shooting Fanning & the fears of the other Indians is so great that no one will dare to go after this miscreant & bring him in: for the Indians have threatened sims brother that if the one they have caught is hung they will shoot him for taking him up: the murderer of Marshall is to be hung on tomorrow opposite Columbus: these things & the starving condition of these wretches have created such dread among the whites that they will not travell except in parties of 4 or five: Mr Blaty who went with Capt Page to the Creek has just returned from Irwinton & brings such a account from that quarter of the fears of the people that he has declined entering the service as one of the Emigrating party altho he could be of great service to me: he does not think it prudent to ride among them: I shall set out on Monday next for the first ponds, Talladega & Benton to ascertain what can be done in that quarter this week & one two weeks at least ~~[illegible]~~ Capt Page & Mr Leonard to will remain here to attend to this quarter untill my return.

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Rec.d 15 June

To Genl Geo Gibson (109) Fort Mitchell 3.d June 1835

Sir,

I reached this post on the evening of the 1st Inst. after a hard tour of between five & six hundred miles thro the Creek nation this tour was necessary to enable me to see for myself each part of the nation and to form a personal acquaintance with persons & places & to make such appointments as would be necessary to carry into complete effect the views of the Government in this most delicate & arduous duty, in fact I find I had formed a very erroneous idea of the amount of the difficulties that are to be surmounted ere a full & general Emigration of these people will take place my trip was down the federal road to Policeh spring thence up the Tallapoosa river thro Kialigah, Hatchichubba, Tookpofkar, Uccufka, Lock apautoy to Talladega, thence into Benton County as far as Jacksonville passing thro Kiamulga Chearhaw, Chockolocko, Arkebocha &c. not finding the Indians in the upper end of Benton that had been expected I returned & took another route thro the Hillabies & crossed the Tallapoosa river above the Horse shoe bend, from thence to Lafayette in Chambers County & thro that County to this post. The Indians formerly residing in Benton have emigrated, some into the Cherokee nation & others down the Tallapoosa river, there are still some towns in the south end of Benton, the Chockolocko & Rabbit towns; in passing thro the country, I was applied on all hands for appointments from persons on the spot who each recommended himself by his great knowledge & influence over the Indians, and had daily to expect some five or six applicants but in accordance with the views as laid down by you in my letter of 24 March

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I made such appointments and on such terms as I feel persuaded will meet with the sanction of the Dept. in all the appointments made of persons residing in the different sections of the nation I made it conditional to receive $3 pr day for the actual number of days employed on this business when at home not employed to receive nothing. in some cases where persons more desirous of entering a waggon in the service I gave a promise that if they exerted themselves to induce the indians to enroll & go. that for every fifty persons they will then procure they shall have a preemption right to enter the waggon provided the team was in good order & came under the regulations in every other respects. in this way I have continued the influence of several persons whose services will be very valuable & will cost the Government nothing, in Coosa County there are Eleven large towns viz. Tookpofkar; Uee ogufka; Sockapatoy Pockentallahasee; Oakchoy; Fishpond; Osalarnaby, Ulemeoarkar; Hickory ground; Hatchichubba. Pochis Hatcka, in this county I have appointed Col Harrison young. Ben Young. Joseph Sharp & Philip Page, Mr Page will reside constantly among the whole the others reside among the Indians & speak the language I have an extension assignatured; in Talladega there are seven large towns viz Chinchaber; Chenlaw; Talladega, Ekundutska; Kiamulga; Emuchee; Hatchetouch; in Randolph there are three towns viz Arbiccoochee, Hitchopartangey; Horn House. in the lower end of Benton there are Chockolocko, Rabbittown; & Tallasehachee and the north west corner on Tanapsie creek there may be a few but most of that town is in the Cherokee nation & of course I did not go beyond the limits of my agency. for these three counties I

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I have appointed Maj or Ward Conner, & Mr Isaac Estell, both on the same terms viz $3 per day when employed, I rather think they will require more assistance but as yet will not extend the number; In Talladega there are a great many towns the exact number or names of all I do not as yet know but there is the Hillabees; Oakfuskas; Kohsauts = Higantskas; Chattoksofkas Wialiges; besides the large towns of Talladega & Tuckabatchies all these are in Col Young & Mr Pages district, for I do not deem it necessary to place any one as yet permanently in Tuckabatchie or Talladega these towns being the immediate residence of Opothleyoholo very hostile to emigrating to Arkansas, In Macon, Barbour, Russell & Chambers I have Major Ware this party Mr Commander Mr Cunningham, Mr Wilson & Mr Linard, Major Phillips, Mr Simms and myself; the number of Indians & names of the towns in those counties I have not yet received an accurate account, but they are very numerous The preliminary arrangements are now completed, they may require some additions from alterations of stations but these things will be attended to as circumstances require them, Mr Edwd Rogers whom I appointed on the 8th May as an assistant Conductor sent to Talladega upon the recommendation of a gentleman who I had supposed well qualified to judge of the proper kind of persons required for this business; I discovered upon as I reached Talladega he had paid no attention to my orders made no reports & of course I had no use for such officers, this course I have laid down for my own conduct, to do my duty & compel every man to do his, or else send him; in the case of Col Hunter I feel much delicacy if we were acting under strict Military usage I should certainly send him upon as he joined for disobedience of orders, he was ordered to the

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of April to respond to Inch at Chickasaw between the fourth & fifth of January &c. the enclosed copy of my letter will shew. & while at Talladega I heard he had received the order to have travelled into the nation in company with a gentleman who I met at that place, but as yet I have nothing from him officially, his neglect of duty & absence has materially retarded my arrangements and thrown much labour & responsibility on my hands, & I feel very much disposed to dismiss him as soon as he joins & refer his case to the Department for their decision, as he has received his appointment from the Department & it is the only control I can exercise over him. If however when he does join (if ever) should he not exhibit more zeal & promptness in the discharge of the duties assigned him I shall not hesitate to dismiss him, for I will not be hindered by indolent or inattentive officers or servants of this character

The Creek nation is to have a grand council on the 11th inst the object of this meeting is to determine their course on the subject of Emigration. Mr Hankins has returned & made no purchase of Texas; as I suspected the land was sold to a New York Company. Major Blue even Hankins held a conversation with him & says he has changed his views & will advise Opothleholo to remove to Arkansas. if he does so, in good faith Opothleholo may be induced to go, but there are so many obstacles arising every day. Tarrant has a plan of colonizing his part of the nation on a large tract of land South of the Federal road belonging to Capt. W. Walker who is to receive in payment the lands of such Indians as may join Jackson, this is a speculation of Capt. Walker's. Opothleholo & his party on the other hand is for breaking Jackson & defeat his project, against Sampson Grayson a half breed of the Hillabees an Emigrant of last fall has written letters to his relations making great complaints, these complaints Judge Tarrant informed me had been spread over that part of the nation & did the same thinks inquiry whether true or false it is all the same the Indians believe every thing Sampson Grayson writes, or says as the funds to pay the annuity is here & I have sent Mr Wilson express to Judge Tarrant

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informing him of that fact, requesting him to pay a day after as posi-
ble for the payment. until that is over I shall not open a Camp
The Contractors bids were opened on 31st. ult. I understand from Capt Page
it stands at 7¢. or 7¼ or ½ per Ration. & One dollar per bushel & one
dollar per Cwt for Corn & Corn fodder, but the parties have not
yet entered into bond. The Contract is very reasonable & the parties are
able to perform the service. yours letters of 24th April, 9th May. 21. & 23 May
is at hand; Lieutenant Weas has not yet arrived; with Capt Page he will
be quite sufficient to make all the disbursements that will be required
until the fall, should others be required from the map of emigration that
may present themselves in the fall - I shall give the Dept. timely
notice; but I do not expect to be able to do more but actually
pay before the Dept.

I have the honor to remain
your Obt Servt
Thos. B. Hogan

Comg Genl
Recd 16 June 1835. 84/4

Jno B. Hogan supp
To ~~Supt &c~~
Comy Genl Subsistence
Fort Mitchell
4th June 1835

The compensation of his assistants is unequal to their duties and responsibilities. They have lost horses, and intending to apply to Congress to be remunerated therein, he hopes the Depts will aid in the application.

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(No 20)

Fort Mitchell 4th June 1835

Rec'd 16 June

Sir,

There is one subject I wish to lay before the department and I avail myself of this occasion to do so. The pay of my assistants is not adequate to the duties the responsibility that rests on them. The high prices of corn fodder & living in the nation is at least equal to two dollars & fifty cents per day & with all the economy that can be used will average two dollars per day, for it must be remembered that they are going all the time & must maintain to the charges of the country as their present duties will not admit of their keeping entitle they encamp. They are required to feed their own horses & pay their own expences and in many parts of the nation their horses have to live on corn alone which after a hard ride is very apt to bring on disease. I have already nearly lost two horses & my assistants Maj. Blue & Mr Sommerville have each lost a very valuable horse worth $150 each & have their is no provision made by law for paying for horses killed in such service, but I hope the department will aid us in an application before congress for remuneration for horses lost in this service, otherwise it will fall so heavy on the officers that I fear they will be compelled to return from the employment Mr Sommerville has been one month in service & has already seven $120 & lost a horse worth $150. These cases I fear may occur often & will be severe loss to those gentlemen; my present object is to lay these cases before the dep.t for future reference.

I have the honor to remain your obt Servt

Thos B Hogan Capt. Cavalry

To Genl Gibson
Cor G.S. Washgn

Emig to Creeks

Wm. J. B. Hagard
Tuskegee 18 June 1833

Details the proceedings of a council of Indians:

The annuity has been paid.

There is a prospect of a numerous emigration in the Fall. &c.

Enclosure

29 June.

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of the administration and is eternally disputing on political questions with those who will hold argument with him, I understand he is to get $2000 a year from the Cherokee Nation as their Lawyer, his object is to induce the Department to allow Apothle Yoholo this party a certain sum for their Emigration & this money they will take to Texas: Ridge says Apothle Yoholo will be the first party to Emigrate, that if they can't make an impression on the Department to induce a change, they will then go in the fall to Arkansas. It is only for the Department to be positive & peremptory with these people & they will then come to a sense of their duty, and all communications sent by these pettifogging Lawyers should be treated with contempt, or if answered at all, should be answered thus the Government agents. It is such fellows as these that destroy the influence of the Government agents with the Indians & continually thwart the views of the Government, you will excuse the warmth with which I write, but when I see each scamp pushing their own selfish schemes forward to the injury of these unfortunate people & the general detriment of the State and general government I cannot feel otherwise than warm. Ridge informs me that one Indian stabbed another on the Council ground, the relations of the dead Indian immediately took the murderer tied him to a tree & stabbed him to death & left his body hanging to the tree, there were a great many white persons on the ground but neither there or the chiefs took any notice of the affair, the necessity of a small military force in this quarter is becoming more apparent. Yours &c

D. B. H.

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Rec'd 29. Gives

To General George Gibson

Sir

Fort Mitchell 18 June 1835

I returned last evening from Setalechi-ee the council ground after an absence of eight or nine days attending on those people; I met the sub agent Judge Tarrant & he agreed to make an effort to pay the annuity at that place & sent off to this post for Captain Page who promptly repaired there with the funds but as this meeting was an irregular one, that is one of their own calling we could not compell them to receive the annuity & had therefore to wait their pleasure, they wanted Judge Tarrant to agree to pay over to them the $700 appropriated for feeding them during the payment of the annuity, this however was refused as he had contracted to feed for provisions; they then refused to receive the money, these were on the point of leaving the ground with the money, when the party requested me to remain until they could further consult, the next day they agreed to receive the money & did so; Van & Ridge the Cherokee were there and claimed a debt of 5000$, they seemed to deny it, but Judge Tarrant told them he was instructed by the secretary of War to say to them, that it was a debt which they were in honor bound to pay, they finally agreed to deposit the money in Captain Page's hands to be deposited in Bank to be subjected to the direction of the secretary of War, they seemed to think the money had been paid, & Col Crowell had a receipt but if the secretary of War said it was not paid, then Capt Page should pay it over to Van & Ridge, this was done - altho the Indians came into the square every day, they held no consultation then

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all their councils was done in the woods by themselves at night & during the day, the subject they discussed was of course unknown to me, altho I had several spies among them, Ben Hawkins was there and no doubt was acting with Opothleholo's party, but even Hawkins, Dulvice, & Broadnax all agreed that the Indians must emigrate in the fall & as the Government would not pay for their removal to Texas, they must go to Arkansas & those who choose to emigrate to Texas might go from there. I was often consulted to know if the Government would not allow a deputation to go to Washington to settle their old claims, though they were asked by Broadnax & others of the same feather, I was glad they did so, as it afforded me a fine opportunity of putting down any such project, by telling them at once that the Government had no use for any delegation, no treaty to make with these Indians, no money to squander on an idle set of vagabonds who wished to accompany them, & that no friend of the Indians or the country would put such nonsense in the heads of the chiefs, and if they really had any cause of complaint to make to the Government they could do so thro their agent & receive an answer by mail, and that they might rest assured that it was the only way left these people to treat the Government thro the medium of their agent & the mails, I found it necessary to be firm & explicit with the white people who swarmed on the council ground, the news that this was in all

probability the last annuity to be paid in Alabama was announced by Judge Tarrant to the Indians, it flew like wildfire among the whites, for nearly every second man on the ground had his pockets filled with accounts against the Indians & these Scamps are the very men that raised the Emigration altho they make great professions in favor of their removal, it is now evident that an amount other I shall have enough to do in sending of parties than no doubt but in Sept. I shall have as many to remove as I can well manage, but I begin to despair of a party in this month, my assistants however are sanguine that a sufficient party can be obtained, the annuity however is not yet disposed of, it was decided in two parcels to be given to the upper & lower towns, the boatmen days was given out (14 days from this time) but the Indians have so many claims set up as them that they have concealed the place of meeting, there was two pack legged lawyers on the ground threatening to sue if the Indians did not pay the claims they backed. this man Grayson has returned home & has set to work in opposition to the Emigration party. I has told so many lies about that country that I fear we shall have hard work to overcome the prejudices already raised the Hillabies were ready to go the moment Grayson came in & reported favorably, they have now given it up for the present & have sent Mr Grayson an express to look at the state law & the penalty against any one who appears emigration by force or undue. If I can do nothing

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else I shall make him fear the law may by the mean prevent his mischievous tongue from operating against us: the weather is now intolerably hot & we are resting for a few days in quarters, our horses are jaded beyond down & every man looks as if he required a little rest. in a few days however we shall be again afloat. as Col Hunter has not joined & Mr Rags dale has been here but a little expected at home in good health. I shall give him up and assign his duties to Mr Estelle whom pay will be raised one dollar pr day as stated in my letter to Mr Estelle. I shall appoint Mr Rags dale & Mr Vandeberg assistant conductors for that part of the nation —

Great Dear reported himself yesterday to Captain Page

I have the honor to remain
Your obt Hble S
Jno. B. Magruder
Capt. Commdg Expedition

P.S. 19th June Since writing this letter Ridge & Van have arrived here with an order for the money signed by the Chiefs Ridge informing me that Opothleyohola has employed a Kentucky lawyer by the name of Chilton, a brother of the Member of that name. this Mr Chilton has written a letter for him to the Secretary of war complaining about Arkansaw. &c it is intended by Mr Chilton to keep up a correspondence & this letter is the opening one, & such letter will no doubt contain Mr C. views as he resides so much from Opothleyohola at Mardersville, It is proper that the Department should know that this Mr Chilton is an open mouthed abusive opponent of

Emig & Creek

Col. J. B. Morgan

Fort Mitchell, 28 June 1835

Encloses a Columbus Enquirer Extra containing a letter to the Secy War from Col. Bean of Texas

Thinks it desirable that the answer, if any, should be published.

proposes to be supposed to exercise a discretion as to sending off parties of a less number than 300. &c.

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Recd 1 July

To Capt. Gibson

Fort Mitchell 28th June 1838

Sir

Nothing new has occurred here since my last Report except a publication which appeared in a Column has paper taken from the Nacatoches Gazette purporting to be a letter written by Col Bean of the Mexican army followed by a statement made by a gentleman of that country, believing a few copies of this paper would be acceptable I sent over to a friend to procure me four or five of the papers containing this letter, but not being able to procure them, he had a few copies struck off in the extra form, a copy of which I herewith enclose. Mr Somerville has just returned from the western part of the nation & informs me that the Column has Emigrants had been received there & had created much excitement, that Opothleholo had kept back from the Indians a full knowledge of his intrigues & was now much alarmed for his own safety, & that it was the opinion of the well informed that he would hurry off to Arkansas I hope it may be so; But it appears to me that if this letter of Col Bean is genuine and has been answered by the department, that the publicity of the Answer would do much to convince these people that their villany & projects are entirely discountenanced by the Dept. the letter of the Secretary of war to the Subagent Judge Tarrant on this subject was Copied & the copy sent to Opothleholo. but he has kept the substance of that communication to himself & as I am assured he has never communicated it to Tuskenia or the other principal Chiefs, and they from not being apt of the opinions & decisions of the Department on this subject another benefit that would result from a publication, would be that their family to the Emigration would be afraid to associate with these mischievous persons who are secretly opposing the emigration —

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The lower towns are to meet here on the 1st July to receive from the Chickasaws their portion of the annuity, I shall make another effort to assort them, But this one subject I must call your attention to & ask for further power. by your regulations you allow twenty days to encamp & that each party must be 500 strong. the Twenty days allowed for encampment I think is ample, indeed it is more time than I am willing to allow, but the restriction as to the number should be left to my discretion, and it is a subject that bothers me more than any other part of the regulations, If I open a camp, & 350 or 400 come in, & the 20 days expire & still we are short 100 or more, what am I to do? disband those we have been for 20 days feeding? that will never do - to march them off I am restrained by your regulations & cannot go with less than 500. = and it is impossible to calculate with any degree of certainty before we do encamp, If you will authorize me to use a sound discretion on this subject, I shall at once commence. & if the first party should be sent off with 3 or 400 it will be much to my advantage, for it will convince those intending to go in the fall that with me they must be punctual, for I will not allow them more than from five to ten days in camp before I send them off, If the Indians were or could be collected in one camp much of the difficulty which now attends this subject would be obviated, but in making up our parties we have to collect them scattered over nine large counties, & perhaps I start with 150 from Fort Mitchell at Fort Hull I am joined by 100 more. those in Bosque Benton & Talladega Concentrate at Shelton's Stations & keep the course mining & do not unite with the lower party until they reach Tuscaloosa the two hundred men then be over 500 or half that, is it

not better to send them or those to remain longer & thereby exhibit a doubtful & unsteady habit which will always have a pernicious influence on the indians; on the score of expence give me discretionary power over this subject & I will take care that the expence shall not exceed that the same number will cost in a party of 500=, Captain Page thinks the Depot does not care for parties less than 1. or 2000, but this is a different affair from Most Emigrations, the treaty in the first place does not compell them to go & to get them out of the country the greatest patience & perseverance will be required & by promptly sending off those who come into Camp none will come but such as are ready & when they are ready they should be marched off at once; these suggestions are made because I feel the delicacy & ticklishness of my situation, I shall however be governed strictly by your orders. The allowance of discretionary powers over this subject I know will have a good effect but it is for the Dep.t to determine, and with that determination I shall be content —

I have the honor to
Remain your Ob.t Serv.t

Geo. B. Ogden

Superintendent Creek Emigration

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Copy

Sir, Sitelecha Council ground June 14th 1835

It is becoming daily more apparent that the Indians are labouring under some secret influence opposed to the views of the Government, and that our labours among them are becoming daily more doubtfull and difficult, and that it will be absolutely necessary, that every Officer engaged in the emigration, should redouble, if possible, their exertions to get them off, as their own preservation, and the preservation of the lives of our Citizens, as well as the peace of the Country, demand their immediate removal; and from the extended sphere of my Agency it is impossible I can be every where; and the importance of having the Nation divided into Districts, and having an Asst. Agent in each one, with a sufficient number of Assistants to aid him in getting the Indians to emigrate, has been long since determined on by me. Your Section of the nation, I had intended, should be placed under Capt. Hunter, but as there is no hopes of his joining, I can no longer defer making my final arrangement, and shall therefore, take the responsibility of appointing you an Asst. Agent for that Section of the nation, an place under your controul the Officers in Benton, Randolph, Talladega, and Coosa Counties; you will therefore, take the Superintendence of these Officers; receive their reports; consolidate the substance of them and weekly report the same to me by mail at Fort Mitchell; you will select the most convenient places within your District for encamping such Indians and families as will enrole for emigration, and report the places to me; you will not allow them to remain longer than five days in the first encampment, before you will march them to your Depot or general rendezvous, which general rendezvous, will be selected on account of its centrality and convenience to wood, water and provisions,

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and at the same time, on or near the road leading from the Nation towards our destined route the exact day that you will be authorized to open your Camp, shall be communicated to you in time. You will have to aid you in Coosa; Messrs Page, Sharp, W. Young, B. Young, and S. Robbins: at Talladega, Maj. D. Connor, who resides near the line, as yet there is no one in Benton or Randolph, Mr. Ragsdale shall appoint Asst. Conductor, he has just returned from Arkansaw, after leaving went there with the last party of emigrants, his knowledge of the Indian Character and their language will make him a very valuable assistant, and as you will want another or two, I shall appoint a gentleman recommended to me by Judge C. C. Clay a Mr. Vandeburgh, who has resided at Mr. Connors for some time past. To avoid expense in Linketers you had better send him among the Indians with Mr. Ragsdale, in fact the feelings manifested of late by the Indians towards emigration, render it necessary, that not less than two, should always ride together, as I do not believe it is safe to send one Officer alone, Ridge and Van the, Cherokee Chiefs have promised me, that they would order out such Creeks as have recently removed from Tarapin Creek into the disputed Territory, it will be well to go there or send Mr. Vandeburgh and Mr. Ragsdale into that part of the Country, and endeavour to induce those Indians to enrole for emigration at once, with the assistance of Van & Ridge, I think this can be easily effected. The Contractor has not yet given his bonds, and until that is done, we cannot encamp

Isaac Postell Esqr
Asst. Agent
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Your Obt. Servt
Jno. B. Hogan
Supdt. Creek emigration

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Recd. 15. July

Sir

Fort Mitchell 5 July 1835

Our prospects for a full emigration are very flattering and I know have no doubt but we shall in a few weeks have enough for all to do in this quarter, On the 1st 2d & 3d of this month the Lower towns viz. Cussetas, Cowetas, Broken arrow, Osuitches, Uchees, Chehaws Hitchetees, Tolowarchlocko. & Sowackolo. met at this place to divide their share of the last annuity, It afforded me a fine opportunity of cultivating their acquaintance and of pathetically addressing them, which I did thro Benjamin Marshall who acted as Interpreter, I examined them of their present situation & explained to them why they could not remove to Texas thro Redcudney it was for Tuskena Captain Walker to think of Colonizing them on the prairie near Fort Gibson, I explained to them the advantage of being rations under the fostering care of the President their father and that to him alone they must look for protection that the promises of individuals would prove false, that many of them had sold their land to persons who had promised them they might forever remain there on it, that those promises in the end would prove false, for there very men would in mind cause some of them sell the land to strangers, who would turn them off as soon as they went into possession &c. I told them I was sorry that I could not tell something that would be more pleasing, but I must tell them the truth, it was my duty to do so, and it was their interest to hear what I told them, after they had settled their private business several of the principal Chiefs of the Cowetas, Broken arrow & others came to my room, and told me they would take my talk, that they were satisfied that they could not remain here and would all go with me in September that all their people would go together, that they were now satisfied that the

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very no confidence to be placed on the talk of their head men this time. Tad Kena & Opothleyoholo and it was time to go, and they would be ready in Sept. While Lewis was addressing the chiefs in council this time. Efaak Mantla. & Eneah Mantla started up & left the room, these three are all men of high rank & influence but much opposed to Emigration they fear if they go west they will be reduced in rank in the new country, after that concluded Marshall and Paddy Carr two intelligent half breeds each addressed the council and lashed their chiefs very severely for leaving the council; they asked their Countrymen if that was the way to treat the agents of the government when they were sent among them?. and that it was evident those chiefs were going as tools & following bad counsel, that if those chiefs thought people to do so, they would not follow them and advised the Indians to look out for themselves = in the afternoon this this was answered at the sitting of Mr Williams for harbouring his negroes held to bail this circumstance afforded me another opportunity of showing a Contrast between their situation here & what it would be in their new Country —

I shall leave here the day after tomorrow for the upper towns I shall visit every station in the nation & every indian town I hope shortly to receive an answer to my letter of the 28 ultimo, the enlargement of any authority as regards two would release me from the painfull difficulty I feel at that subject there are now a great many Indians ready to go, but whether they will amount to five hundred or more than I can tell until they are encamped

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt Servt
Jno B. Nagle
Supt. Creek Emigrant

To Genl
George Gibson
Washington City

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Sir Rec'd 17 July

Fort Mitchell 8 July 1835

Things really begin to look up in this quarter, I had a visit yesterday from Opeah Mathla the head Chief of the Hatchetites he called on me in company with his son in law Hardridge to tell me he had studied the matter fully & was determined to take my talk & emigrate to Arkansaw and would be ready in three weeks, that he had a small patch of Corn which he wanted to eat & after his pony was fat he was ready, he stated he had no money, no meat & little or nothing to eat & could not remain here any longer. I gave him out of my own pocket a little money which delighted the old man & he shook me very cordially by the hand & went off. he says he will carry with him all his tribe the Hatchitty enclosed is a copy of a report from Major Glass who attended at Tuckabatchee the chiefs in of the other half of the Country. he speaks very favorably of our prospects in that quarter so does Col Harris I long for our fall movement which is now close at hand I shall either go thro the nation or send a party in a few days as nothing tends so much to stir up the subject of emigration as to keep the officers constantly moving among them, it keeps their minds bent on the subject & forces them to reflect on their present condition & compels them to anticipate better times in a new Country. I hope you will give me the discretionary power asked for in my letter of 28 ult

I have the honor to
remain your Ob Servt

Geo. B. Gilmer
Supt. Creek Emigration

Genl Gibson
Cor G. Forces
Washington City

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) JNO.J.HOWELL,SECY.GA.CO. (CAN DO NOTHING WITH OPOTHLE YOHOLO.WILL OPEN CAMP FOR EMIGRANTS.ABOUT 500 EMIGRANTS MAY BE EXPECTED)

Enc'g 120 Creek

From Jno. S. Newell

Columbus, Nov 12th 1835

Receipts letter of 2d inst. and contains an extract from a letter of Col: Hogan relative to a meeting of Opothleyoholo & his Inds. on Emg.n — States that a camp will be formed by the balance of the Company for such Inds as are determined to Emigrate. — Expects to start on the 17th with about 550.

21 Nov.

Recd Nov 21

Columbus Nov 12 1832

Sir

Your letter of the 2nd inst was received this morning — Our letter of the 29th ult. will shew you the state of our Indian operations up to that date, & the following extract of a letter from Col. Jno B Hogan dated the 3rd at Tallassee, saying ~~that~~ "I have just returned from the towns in the upper part of Mr McIntosh's District and learn from Mr Dabouin, that Opoethle Yoholo & all his Indians that convened on Wednesday last to take into consideration the subject of Emigration, were drunk, & that nothing could or would be done this fall, & that for the present they had abandoned the idea of going. — Dabouin states that Opoethle Yoholo cannot go untill we can make some more arrangements — will confirm our conjectures. — The letter of Genl Sanford to the Secretary of War will shew you the situation of the Company. —

To morrow, the balance of the Company will open a Camp for the Emigration of such Indians as have determined on Emigrating. We shall receive them & start on Tuesday next 17th. The number will not exceed five Hundred & may go less than so.

Yrs &c Hartwell Cleg

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) BARENT DUBOIS

(CREEKS WILL REMOVE WHEN THEIR LANDS ARE SOLD & THEIR DEBTS PAID.-OPOTHLE YOHOLO IN FAVOR OF EMIGRATION. PROPOSES

C57-28

Transf. 4th Recd & Referred

Burnet Chubbis

Talade, 21 Augt 1835

Creek will remove when their lands are sold, and their debts paid.

Speech delivered in favor of Ency. Indians for best against Ency by Company Proposes that Chiefs should testify their wishes as heads of declared Inds:

Indian Office

Referred to the Secretary of War for his opinion

Opinion of Attorney Genl. to appropriations

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Referred by War Dpt (not to be ans.) Sept 9th

Fallesa August 21th 1835

Col J. Hogan

Sir Since you Left here I have had talk with opothleyholer on the subject of emigration he tell me that as quick as the Indians can get back there Lands that has been Stolen and can Sell it and can get there Stock colected and dispose of it that he then ready to go he also sais he wants to get the 29 sections assigned and Sell that also for to Pay some debts contracted for the nation there is a chief of the Hickory Ground town at opothleyholer house yester day morning he was a Brother to William McGilbery he gave him a long talk told him to go home and tell his People to drive up all there stock and selly and get ready as soon as Possible to move there is also at this time four of the Leading chiefs from the Lower towns here James Bleaches & cotchehatustenny from cowetter town and tuckabatchy Hayo and his Brother from cusetter town they got here yester day I went and seen opothleyholer and let him know that they wanted to see him he sent runners to the mad Blue little Doctor tuckabatchy micco and several others of the Leading chiefs they met and held a council at the little Doctors

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house they all seemed to be very friendly and
agreed to all that Pothlerholer said on the subject
of emegration and wish to move this fall if Possible
they are very much dissatisfied and Protest
in the strongest terms against being moved
by a company they talked a good on this
subject and said they would never agree to
it they are a going to meet again they are
very much opposed to Tushenahaw collony
Lighenahaw
he sent for the oakfuskey Chief the Usauly
Chief and tallesa chief to come out and look
at his pretended collony I have not yet heard
there Report tushenahaw tell them to give
up there Land to him and then he will give
them lands in his collony they can then
have there own Laws and make there own
Tegers it appears to go down well with some
them that is going west tushenahaw is doing
all he can against emigration and against
Pothlerholer for being in favor of it.
the head chief of the auteeys came up to see me
and told me as soon as his town could get there land
back that has been stolen that he and he and
his People would go with Pothlerholer
the Dead Indians Land is also Preventing

a large number from emigrating the white People administer on it and if they go west good many wont get a dollar if government would let the heirs certify or such as the chiefs say are the Proper heirs to the Land would help the cause there is many of these kind of cases the Indians dont understand why a man wife and his own childrin cant sell the Land of her own husband and the children there own fathers Land this a very importan thing to the Indian it will keep many from emigrating I Remain yours

Barent Dubois



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1835 CREEKS (EMIGRATION) JOHN ELLIOTT (RECD PAYTS.FROM.J.B.HOGAN WHO HAS ENTERED UPON DUTY AS SUPT OF CREEK REMOVAL)

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Enrg 11 Creeks referred

John Elliott
Mobile 6th April 1835.

Col. J. B. Hogan has paid him $6887-79 in full. Moneys due U. S. and entered upon his duty as Supt Creek Rem.

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Secretary of War
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APR 23 1835

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Referred by Sec'y War
Apl. 22d

District Attorneys Office
Mobile Alabama April 6th 1835

Hon. Lewis Cass
Secretary of War.

Sir.

I had the honor to receive about ten days ago, your letter of the 11th Ult. "Postmarked the 13th" upon the subject of the appointment of Superintendant for the removal of the Creek Indians which you inclosed with your remarks in reference to the public accounts of Col. John B. Hogan with the accompanying Instructions. which have in every particular been complied with by Col. Hogan who paid me on the 4th instant the sum of Six thousand eight hundred and eighty seven dollars and seventy nine cents in full of the principal and interest moneys due by him to the Unitd States and has since entered upon the discharge of his duties as Superintendant as above stated.

I have the honor to be
Sir. Very respectfully
Your, most Obt. Servt
Jno Elliott

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) GOV.T.GAYLE (ASKS INTERPOSITION OF MILITARY TO PRESERVE PEACE WITH INDIANS, REL TO FRAUDS IN SALE OF RESERVATIONS.ETC)

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Emig. to Creeks

Gov. John Gayle
Tuscaloosa Ala
27 June 1835

Acknowledges receipt of letter of 16 inst in reply to his of 27 Ultimo — and relates to a request made by him, in behalf of the Citizens of the Creek Country, for a detachment of U. S. troops to be stationed at Fort Mitchell to preserve order, &c.

13 July

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Rec 13 Jul

Executive Department
Mt Calvosa 29th June 1835

Sir

By the mail of this morning I have the honor to receive your letter of the 11th instant, in answer to mine of the 2d ultimo.

If I comprehend the views of the President correctly, he does not feel himself authorized to employ any portion of the regular Arms, in extending protection to the Citizens, unless the civil power of the State has been unsuccessfully exerted for that purpose: and the troops which have been ordered to Fort Mitchell to overawe the Indians "by their presence" merely, cannot cooperate with the civil authorities, unless I represent to the War Department, that the forces of the State are inadequate to the execution of its laws.

These being the contingencies on which the people in the Creek country are to be protected by the U S troops, I have to regret, that I have troubled the department with the application which their complaints and exposed situation induced me to make in their behalf.

In taking this step, it never occurred to me, nor can I perceive now, that the protection secured by the constitution to the States of the union, against invasion, insistance to the laws &c, can be extended, only when they are unable to protect themselves.

The constitutional provision is, that the U States "shall protect each of them (the States) against invasion; and on application of the legislature, or the executive, when

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the legislature cannot be convened against domestic violence. Nor is it necessary that an insurrection should actually occur, before the States have a right to claim the aid of the general government. It is certainly the part of prudence to suppress any violence of this kind, as soon as it is seriously threatened, and it does not seem to me, that a sound interpretation of the clause referred to, will sanction delay until its calamities have been felt.

In the case of an invasion, the President has the right to determine whether it exists, at all, and to select the time & means of repelling it, but in cases of domestic violence, the question, whether the emergency is sufficient, to justify an application for assistance, appropriately and exclusively belongs to the State functionaries.

It is not my purpose to enter on an argument of this subject, but briefly to allude, to the reasons by which I have been convinced of the propriety of the application, I felt it my duty to make. And I beg leave to add, that a copy of a letter written by direction of the secretary of war to Col. Hogan, now engaged in preparing the Indians for removal, which he furnished for the purpose of inducing me to ask, that a detachment of the troops might be stationed at Fort Mitchell, left no doubt on my mind, that the opinion I had formed was in strict conformity with that entertained by the President. The writer, Genl Gibson, states, that he is "directed by

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the Secretary of War to say, that in case of a necessity arising in the Creek Country, for the interference of an armed force, to preserve order & to protect the lives of our citizens, the President will, on the application of the executive of Alabama, order a detachment, of U S troops into the Creek Country:

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Very respectfully Your obt. Servt
John Gayle

Hon C. A. Harris
Acting Secretary of War.



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Recd & referred

Tuscaloosa May 27. 1835

from Gov. J. Gayle

states the distributed state of the Creeks, requires the interposition of a Military force to preserve peace — frauds in the sale of reservations to be.

15 June 1835
Indian Office.

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June 16.

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*Referred by War Dept 16 June 1835
– answered by act'g Sec'y War

Executive Department
Tuskaloosa 27th May 1835

Sir.

At this time, a state of things exists, in parts of the country ceded by the Creek Indians to the United States, that requires the immediate presence of a respectable military force. In the Counties of Macon and Russell, the Indian population is greatly larger than that of the whites, and confiding in superior numbers, they have placed the Civil and Civil magistrates at defiance. They are in the daily habit of committing the most lawless depredations on the property of the settlers, and within a few weeks past, have murdered and robbed several innocent travellers, on the highway leading from Columbus, Geo, to Montgomery. The white inhabitants are alarmed to such a degree, that they offer no resistance, and the civil officers, for want of assistance themselves, with neither force nor security for their apprehension. An agent whom I despatched several days ago, to enquire into the cause and extent of these difficulties, has just returned, and he represents, that the country is much excited, that the Indians are exceedingly insolent and are to be seen generally, with their rifles. He states also that many Indian families are destitute of the means of subsistence, and with inevitably

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stance, if provision be not made for them. Whether
their present situation, and the disturbances com
-plained of, are to be ascribed to the improper treat
ment of the whites, it is certain, that order can-
-not be maintained and the laws executed, unless
a military force be at hand, to afford prompt
assistance to the civil authorities. I therefore
respectfully request, that a detachment of the
troops of the U States be ordered to Fort Mitchell
with all convenient despatch, and that the officer
in whose charge they may be placed, whenever called
on by the proper authority, be directed to aid in the
arrest of offenders. A company of infantry &
a troop of cavalry or mounted ~~men~~ riflemen
would be sufficient. The latter would be the
most useful & efficient description of troops, as they
could move with greater celerity to whatever point
their services might be wanted.

I should not hesitate to call out the militia of
the State to perform this service, if it were not,
that all classes of our citizens are busily engaged
at this season of the year, and would necessarily
experience much inconvenience and great
pecuniary loss, by being taken, for any considerable
time, from their usual avocations.

I beg leave to call your attention to the frauds — the
infamous and unprincipled frauds which organized
bands of speculators have practised, and are still practising
on the Indians in, first, obtaining their lands, and then,

the small and inconsiderable sums they may have paid as a consideration for their purchases. These impositions have acquired great notoriety, and are subjects of universal complaint. I entertain no doubt that the outrages which have been committed by the Indians, upon the innocent settlers and innocent travellers, have been provoked by the injuries they have received from the speculators, & if they alone could be selected as the victims of revenge, they would meet but little sympathy from the honest part of the community. But they are as ingenious and as successful in diverting from themselves the hostility & indignation of the Indians, as they have been in defrauding them of their property.

Information has been received here, I know not on what authority, that the President had refused to ratify any of these contracts. It was hailed with great satisfaction by all parties, and a rigid scrutiny into each case, would doubtless result in restoring to these miserable people, property of which they have been wrongfully deprived, and in vindicating the administration from imputations under which it has unjustly laboured.

I have the honor to be, Sir, very respectfully your obt Servt

John Gayle

Hon Lewis Cass
Secretary of War.

1835 CREEK (EMIGR) GEO.GIBSON,COM.GEN. to (INSTRUCTIONS REL TO EMIGRATING PARTIES OF LESS THAN 500)
JOHN B.HOGAN

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Lt Jno B. Hogan
Capt Cockrell
Fort Mitchell Alab.

July 18. 1835.

Sir,

Letters of the following dates have been received from you: the 3d. 4th. 8th. 18th. 28th June; the 2d. 5th. & 8th July. Though interesting in detail, the letters of your date ~~to that~~ of the 28th. ult. contain nothing requiring the action of this office, and I have not therefore replied to them. In the last named letter, you ask for discretionary power to send west a smaller number than that to which you are limited in the instructions. It was thought that a party of five hundred would be more manageable than larger ones, whilst it was believed that it would not be desirable to ~~send~~ start with a party of a less number. I have no objection, however, to your sending off one or two parties of from three to four hundred each. Should you do so, you will observe the following directions: The party must not consist of less than three hundred; there will be but two agents to such a party, say one as conductor and Disbg Agt, and the other as asst. conductor; there will be suffered no delay, and the rules by which the Disbg Agt will be guided ~~may~~ are those laid down in your & Capt Page's general instructions. If Gt. Deas

goes

will of course be conductor, but should he not go, you can use of the Agt. Agt. already appointed. Let me impress upon mind with the absolute necessity for despatch — such a party should move with great rapidity; and it must be understood that no excess, beyond prescribed instructions, in any thing will be allowed. The Conductor must be able to render accounts to the Principal Disbg. Agent, Capt Page, that will tally precisely with the Claims of the ~~contractors~~ and all other persons on the route, and such accounts will also be presented to you for inspection, that if found correct in principle you may sign the abstracts, — if incorrect, that you may state your objections, in which case as provided, the pay of the Agent will be withheld by Capt. Page till a decision is obtained from this Office.

It has not been thought proper to authorize arrangements for the reception of the Creek emigrants, to be made between Memphis and the new Country. Nor will this be done until the Department is more fully assured that no emigration will take place. It is the intention to provide ~~for all those who~~ rations at fixed points on that route, but this cannot be done for fear of again disappointing the contractors who were induced last year to bid upon the supposition of a much larger movement than actually took place.

ality need arise on that account for the disbursements incident to the supply
all parties can readily be made by the Quartermaster Department (by advising Capt Brown of the day of
ing a party, it is more than probable he would be able to make arrangements
furnishing provisions on a considerable part of the western route.
an advice is received at this office from you, amounting to what may be considered
strong assurance of the immediate removal of considerable numbers,
ts officer will be promptly authorized to enter into contract for
provisions, and directed to secure the greatest degree of punctuality
in their delivery at the designated places, with the location of which an agent at Memphis
will be made acquainted.

G. G.

1835 CREEK & SEMINOLE (EMIGR) GEO.GIBSON;COM:GEN. to (REL TO RESCINDING CONTRACTS,ETC.LT MOORE RELIEVED)
CAPT J.BROWN

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June 10th 1835

Lt. J. Van Horne
Dutg agt Cherokees,
Fort Gibson

Sir,

Your reports in the case of Lemplin W. Ross, and on the road taken by the Creek indians have been recieved.

It is certainly in some degree to be regretted that Ross' complaints had any kind of foundation; but it is at the same time cause of felicitation that it was so trivial. The price of the corn furnished does not of course affect the indian, nor does that of the beef; but the commutation price of the beefration evidently does, and this should hereafter be corrected if practicable. You say that Mr. L. Holt persists in refusing to receive rations, and that he holds a certificate of Major Curry that "he may be trusted with a commutation in lieu of provisions" You cannot regard this any further than the expression of Maj Curry's opinion that Mr Holt is a sober & steady man and would not squander money if it were given to him. This, of course, no authority for the agent to pay him the commutation. W.

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by no means be politic; as, if it were done in one case, it would be expected in many others. The impolicy of this has been too plainly exhibited heretofore. The danger lies in the violating of a good ~~[illegible]~~ general rule. But, although Holt has refused to receive his rations, it is not ground for you to deny them at any time he may be willing to do so! Therefore, your telling him that the obligations of the Government towards him is fulfilled, (meaning) thereby that he should not thereafter get provisions though he should apply, is not approved. As long as the issues are made in the Cherokee country, he may be considered entitled to draw their ~~[illegible]~~ year's supply. Should Holt's example become general, or be likely to give trouble, some other course might be necessary, but that is not apprehended. He ~~[illegible]~~ not offer the rations to him any more, but issue if he should apply.

Your report upon the Creek route is satisfactory. A very large map of the routes from ~~[illegible]~~ Memphis & other places on the Mississippi river, by way of Little Rock &c, to the Creek and Cherokee Countries, has been received. The ~~[illegible]~~ professions ~~[illegible]~~

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by this office, of accurate topographical information, is quite desirable, and it is requested that you furnish such as it may be enabled to obtain, connected with the tribes among which you are stationed.

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July 23. 1825

Mr. Lucas Brown,
Principal Sub. Agt.
Little Rock

Sir, Your letters dated the 19th and 25th of May were received on the 17th instant; those of the 25th May, ~~2d June (two), 3d, 13th (two),~~ and 2d and 3d of June on the 26th of that month, ~~one of the 2d and two of the 13th June~~ ~~two~~ of the 13th June on the 2d July. The letter of the 3d July is this day received.

I am gratified that nothing has been done to involve the Government in expense, in consequence of the unfortunate postponement of the Seminole removal. Lieut. Moore has been relieved. No other officer will be needed for his place till the Seminoles commence their emigration. He was directed to transfer his funds to you.

In your letter of the 7th June you remark that ~~contracts~~ contracts have been notified they would not be required to deliver provisions on the roads to stay, so that subsistence for the next emigration will have to be contracted for &c. I presume I must not understand you to include the contract of Geo. G. Smith, and

those that you have thus rescinded. That Contract extends from the 1st July 1835 to the 31st December 1836, and is for Salmon to the Seminoles in their new country.

No directions can yet be given for preparations for the ~~[illegible]~~ reception of the Creeks. As soon as it is ascertained that Col Hogan can start a large body, you will be notified thereof. But if you should be advised by him of the approach of any small bodies, you will facilitate their progress, and instruct Capt Stephenson accordingly. Should Col Hogan not succeed in effecting an emigration, it is highly probable that another plan of operations may be attended with success. You shall be duly advised by this office of every thing calculated to prepare you for the performance of your duty.

There are some matters contained in the letter of the 22 [illegible] which is above acknowledged, that will be attended to hereafter.

G.G.

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July 21st 1835.

Capt: Jno Page,
Principal Disbg. agt
Fort Mitchell Ala.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 5th Inst, and enclosing an account ~~for the~~ of expenditures in the Creek removal during the 2d Quarter of 1835; the other enclosing an abstract of bids, with the original bids, for supplying rations to the Creek emigrants between the Creek country & Memphis, and a bond, but no contract. On examination, it appears the lowest bidder offers for 6¼ cts, whilst the successful one gets the contract at 7¼ cts. It also appears that the person who [illegible] and [illegible]

Ending 62. Seminole

Lt. J. W. Harris
Baltimore 19th Mar: 1835

He has drawn on
the Manhattan Bank
N. Y. for $ 641.84
on acct. Subs. of Indn:

Expects to sail on
the 20th for Savannah

Recd 23d March

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Rec.d March 23.

Baltimore Md
Maj. Genl. Jno. Gibson, 9th March, 1835

Maj. Genl. Gibson
N. G. Corning
Sir

I have the honor to advise you that I shall this day draw upon Manhattan Bank N. Y. for $641.84/100 payable at five days sight; this on account of Contractors for subsistence — presuming that by the time the bill can be presented for payment funds will be in deposit there to my Credit.

The subsistence requisition will be shipped this Evening by mail & matters pertaining to bills drawn in the Money line & Commissary

I have the honor to be
(from your obt. Sr.)

Langdon W. Harris
Lt. Brevet Capt.
Commdg. Baltimore

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) E.HERRING (REQUESTING THAT CAPT PAGE BE DIRECTED TO PAY CREEK ANNUITY

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Enc. 74. Cockburn

C. Marine
Off. Sec. Offices. 8 May 25

Requesting that Capt. John Page be directed to pay to the Crews their wages & subsistence, & that Capt.

Lords 9 May

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Recd May 9

War Department
Office Indian Affairs
May 8th 1835

Sir,

I request that Captain John Page U. S. Army. Military Disbursing Agent for the Emigration of the Creeks, may be directed to pay the Annuities due to that tribe the present year, in conformity with the instructions he may receive from this Office.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Elbert Herring
Commissioner
L. C.

Hon.
Lewis Cass
Secretary of War

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) JOHN B.HOGAN,SUPT. (STATEMENTS & REPORTS OF SEVERAL ASSTS. SUGGESTS DISMISSAL OF LEONARD TARRANT AS SUB-AGENT. ETC)

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Emig. to Cooke

Col. J. B. Magruder
Fort Mitchell, July 2. 1853

Sends a statement of the names of persons unlawfully in Oregon

Washington City

Lt. Gen. Scott
Com. Genl. of Subsistence

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Recd. 15th

Sir.

Fort Mitchell 2 July 1835

In looking over my memorandum of appointments for the purpose of making out a quarterly return up to the 30th June (altho' but two months in the nation) I believe I am omitted to mention the name of Mr Jno Fenny a gentleman who has resided for many years among the Indians & has great influence among the Cowetas, Hatchetes Uchees. he was employed last year by my predecessor, but never rec^d any pay; in this part of the nation every thing is so high that I could not obtain Mr Fenny's services for less than four dollars per day & gave him the appointment of Conductor, not having made any other appointment of that grade Mr Fenny has been of great service in inducing those Indians to listen to the talks of Emigration and with them with him a very large party Captain Page informs me he has made up his quarterly accounts to the 30th June altho' he has not been here a quarter, it will be perhaps a week before it will then run quarterly with the regular quarters of the year. I have given requisitions for every thing I have ordered to be paid & shall continue to do so. enclosed is my quarterly return of names stating the office each person employed by me

Yours &c &c

Jno. B. Hogan

Supt. Creek Emigrants

Genl Geo Gibson

Com Genl Subs.

Washington City

Emig of Creeks

Maj. J. B. Hogan
Fort Mitchell July 12th 1835

Transmits reports of Agents - Benfield Thayson, and others, has returned from Ala. - tells many lies about the treatment of Indians during last emigration - Some Creeks had, in consequence, fled to the Cherokee Country - recommends their removal

Copy of letter

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Genl. Geo. Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subs.

soon to have the pleasure of hearing from you

I have the honor to
remain your Obt Servt

Jas. B. Hogan
Supt. Creek Removal

Hon Philip Ludlow
Com. Genl of Indian Affairs
Washington City

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Fort Mitchell 10 July 1835

Sir,

Rec'd 21st

I enclose you copies of two reports received by this mail from the upper end of the Creek Nation, these reports both concur in the statement that the man Grayson is operating against the Emigration by statements well calculated to alarm & intimidate the Indians against emigration, I have sent Capt. Commanville with Mr Cunningham accompanied by Capt Dent to that part of the nation & as Col Hunter has at length made his appearance in that quarter I am in hopes they will make Grayson acknowledge the falsehoods he has propagated against the officers who conducted them over last fall, but in the mean time these reports as detailed in a former communication whether true or false had their effect & have operated much against the spirit of emigration.

In this quarter every thing now wears a steady appearance of a large fall emigration, I am told that Opothleholo has had a letter written to the Depl. saying he has quarrelled with the Emigrating agent, if such a letter has been written it is untrue, we have had no quarrel but in a conversation held at Tuckabatchee he remarked that this scheme of emigration was only a speculation, that he supposed I was to have a share for taking each Indian to Memphis & then another party was to speculate still further by taking them on

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to Sukaryan & Sorbon they got there it would not be long before another Scheme of Speculation would be set afoot to push them still further. I replied that he must not reach me with the Speculators, that I had not come here to Speculate but to carry into effect the instructions of the Government. Dalrymple came into the room & said some Dam'd rascal had put that into Apostle's head or he would not have said so; Told him it made no difference to me, but I feared the effect of such stories as I may well deem it would be fatal to the Emigration if it was reported we were to receive a certain sum per head & he found not accuse me of speculating or the Sudrans in any form or manner, Says the well wisher of these people should do every thing in my power to make their situation as comfortable as possible & expected to receive different sort of treatment from that of being accused of wishing to Speculate by taking them to their new Country. We parted very friendly and at the last council met very friendly but I thought it right to let him know that I considered him the only & greatest obstacle in the way of Emigration. and I am glad to find that what I said to him has had a good effect for at the last council the Chief he came out publicly & advised all his people to prepare & go. for it was now certain they could not remain here any longer, hoping

Enclosed 9th Creek

Col [illegible] B. Hogan

Ft Mitchell 14 July 1835.

Requests permission to visit Washington &c.

Forwarded

Commanding officer

Commanding Ft Gibson &c.

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Sir Rec'd 24 July

Fort Mitchell 14 July 1835

It is a common report here that the Department has accepted of an offer to remove the creek Indians by contract and have invited the contractors to visit Washington city to close the contract, should this be the case I ask the indulgence of the Department to permit me to visit Washington City, my object is to meet my wife & daughter who are now on a visit to my father in law in Rich.d & to escort them from Alexandria when they will be in a few weeks to my residence in Mobile. I only ask this indulgence in the event of the contract being closed or accepted should that be the case I feel assured I can leave here without any detriment or injury to the fall emigration and should my services be still required here I can be back in thirty days from the day of my departure, a visit to your city will afford me an opportunity to understand much more completely the views of the Government in finding removal & until the disposition of the Govern.t is known in relation to this contract nothing can be done here, your early attention to this request will greatly oblige your Obedient Humble Servant

Jno. D. Logan
Supt. Creek Removal

Lewis Gibson
Comr. Ind. Affairs.
Washington City

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P.S. I again repeat that it is not my wish to leave here untill the Emigration for this year is finished; but if a material change is to be made by entering into a Contract, nothing can be effected before the last of Sept. or in the Month of October & in that event I can leave here without any injury to the service &c. JBH

Ewing 91 Creeks

Col. J. B. Hogan
Fort Mitchell 20th July
1835

Enclosing the report of
Maj John Phipps
Mus. Conductor and
also a copy of Col.
B's reply to Phipps

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(A Copy of Maj. Phiffs report Asst. Conductor)

Sir. Blacks Store the 19th July 1835

I this day have been with the Cowetaw Chief. Rotcher Tustunuggee, and he informs me that the whole of his people are or will be ready for a march in four or six weeks, which will be in number 1000 persons, and I think the prospect good for a good many Cusetaws. tho no certainty what number. I wish you to inform me by the bearer what the prospects are in other parts of the nation, and what news from Washington, and whether you will be at the council at Dudleys on the 25th. If you go there I would like to know at what time. This old Chief wishes to hear from you immediately. as there is a rumour out. that there are different arrangements made or making.

Col. Jno. H. Morgan
Special Agt.

I am Sir your
Obt. Servt.
Jno. Phiffs

P. S.

If you go to Dudleys on the 23rd inst. I would be glad you would come by Blacks store & I will go with you. J. P.

Sir, (My reply to the above) Fort Mitchell 20th July 1835

Your letter of yesterday is this moment recd. and I hasten to answer it. the reports from every part of the nation are very favourable for a full emigration of the largest kind: from Talladega. Coosa. Fort hull. I learn every thing wears the appearance of a determination on the part of the chiefs to remove:- the troops have at last arrived here and that will be another motive to induce these unfortunate people to get away to their own country- I am glad to hear Rotcher Tustanuggee is firm- he speaks and acts like a sensible man and is worthy of-

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of being a Chief. how much more manly is his conduct than Ne-mico's and those other silly men who think they can remain here and enjoy any comfort among the whites, when they do not even understand the language. I wish you to tell him to get his people ready as soon as possible and have all to be ready at one and the same time, - they shall make a party of themselves if they all go, and need wait for no others; as for the talk of the company that has gone on to obtain a contract to remove these people at a certain price per head - I know nothing on the subject except the reports, which, it seems you have also heard, and we must not relax in our efforts because we have heard such reports, but proceed as if no such report had reached us - my own impressions are, that, when the parties reach Washington, they will find themselves bound up in such close stipulations that there will be no contract made, and it would be very wrong for any of us to be governed by a report, and by that means relax our efforts; should, however, it be otherwise it cannot be long before we shall be officially informed on the subject. I have no news from Washington not even a letter on any subject since the 26th of may and 16th June, the latter merely acknowledging the receipt of one of my letters - You will therefore, continue your exertions and I wish you to visit those Towns on the Talaposa river and up in Randolph and do not fail to write me every week, the state of your district: it is all important that I should be kept regularly apprised of all that is going on in every part of the nation; the meeting at Dudley's has been postponed by Judge Tarrant to suit his convenience, as he had business in Tuscaloosa; the time and place he has appointed I know nothing of as yet - Mr. Sommerville will be here in a day or two and he will bring me the information - Tell Hotcher Tuskanuga to pay no attention to the various rumours he may hear of other arrangements; but rest satisfied that his

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his great Father, the President will make no arrangements, except such as are for the good of his red people, and to rely on his Agents for correct information on all matters in relation to emigration: and pay no attention to the idle talk of busy bodies, who have nothing to do but ride about & spread stories.

To Maj. Jno Phillips
Blacks Store
Chambers County

Your Obt Servt.
Jno. B. Hogan
Supdt. Creek Emigration

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(Report of Isaac Estill Assistant agent)

Sir,

Wardsville July the 3rd 1835

In my last communication I stated that I would be able to give you a satisfactory statement of our prospects in this District, but having no returns from Connor and Capt. Page of Coosa County the section of country they are operating in and their success, is entirely unknown to me, tho I am in hopes somewhat favorable.

Since my last communication I returned to the Cherokee line, there joined Mr. Vandeburgh and found that all the influence the respect=able Cherokees had been used in concert with Mr. Vandeburgh, and all failed. I then left for Rabbittown and found a few Indians that had not sold their lands, the others have scattered to different parts of the Nation: I then proceeded to Abercrochee Town, there I found those that remain there, opposed to emigration, alleging Graysons tales as their reasons and some lands unsold: tho, they say they will emigrate at any time their Chiefs say they will go with them. I then proceeded to Fishhead Valley, could not see Grayson found some of the Indians that I had enrolled fled from Chockalocha and settled on the Tallaposa; I conversed with them, and they agreed to return and alleged as their reasons for leaving, that Grayson told them, the Government only found them provisions for half way, and the other half they had to pay $100— for grown persons, and children $50— or be made slaves to the sugar plantations of Mississippi; so you can readily perceive the difficulties the emigration are

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are labouring under here — I have only enroled 25 in number that is ready to start at this time.

Col. Hunter arrived last evening, and has promised to set out with me on monday next to pay Mr. Grason a visit and pledges himself to make him deny all he has said with respect to the emigration.

I have the honor to be
with great respect your
Most Obt. Servt
Isaac Estill

Col. J. B. Hogan

(Report of Maj. Connor Assistant Conductor)

Dear Sir, Fife Taledega Ala. July 3rd 1835 —

I yesterday wrote to Isaac Estill Esqr informing him that I had enroled 91 Indians from the Towns of Choctollowe, Conjeardy, and Cheanhaw. — 24 are enroled for the Summer emigra=tion, and the remainder for the fall — I think after the expiration of the Council now in session, the enrolment will be more brisk; the great impediment to enrolment has been the horrid description Sampson Grason gives of the Arkansaw, and the cruel neglect of the former agents of emigration, by which neglect he says, many died, and that their deadbodies were denied the right of Sepulchre — I might mention another serious obstacle, viz; many Creeks have already moved into the Cherokee Nation, under the erroneous idea that they will there obtain a permanent home — and many more will

will follow unless decisive measures are taken to remove those already there, and stopping those who intend going there; Mr. Vandeburg mentioned the plan he has proposed to you in relation to the Creeks in the Cherokee Nation of which I much approve — Col. Hunter has returned from Arkansaw in good health — left my house this morning — rest assured my best exertions will be called into action, in promoting the object of the Government —

I am respectfully Yours
David Brown

Col. John, B. Hogan

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From Col: Jno: B. Hogan
Ft. Mitchell 25 July 38

Encloses Reports from Col Hunter & Mr. Vandebaugh — says everything confirms opinion as to a large Emigration in the fall & that preparations will be made in a few weeks — Speaks of Col Hunter. says in consequence of his absence had to put Mr. Catlin in his place — Hopes soon to hear result of contemplated change by Contract — until he learns of determination of Capt nothing decisive can be effected. — Mentions, on arrival of Mr. F. C., the Sheriff called on Mr. Middleton for a party to assist in hunting up some Indians & Rhodes or Man named Jones

inclosure

4 August

To General Geo. Gibson
Con. this Speaks in Time

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Sir, (Copy of Col. Hunter's report) Tallassee July 13th 1835

I arrived at this place to day, and take the earliest opportunity to let you know the cause of my detention. I informed you on my arrival at Taladega, of my determination to visit Sampson Grayson, & try if possible to put down the bad talk he has made since his arrival from Arkansaw - he has promised me that he will do all he can for the emigration - he is now convinced the Texas project is all laid cold and they have no alternative but Arkansaw; and my opinion is, that we shall have a respectable emigration from this end of the nation - I want you to send me official orders what to do, and where to go - I have seen most of the Indians of Tuckabatchia, Tallassee, Oud & Kulijah and the towns above, and am of opinion that a reaction is taking place, and nothing is wanting but industry and perseverance the great council will commence at Tuckabatchia on 25th inst. and if convenient it would be well for you to be on.

Col. Jno. D. Hogan
Special Agt. of U. S.

I am your most Obt. Hble Servt.
Wm Hunter

N.B. The chief Opothlehole has sent for me to visit him to day I set out in a few hours and spend a day or two in his towns. Wm H.

Dr Sir, (Extract of Mr Vandebugh's report) Jacksonville Ala. July 11th 1835

Mr Ertelle sometime on the 20th ultimo. called on me at Major Coignors and I accompanied him to Terapin Creek in the Cherokee nation, he returned the next day to Mardiville leaving me with my (or his) Interpreter for 5 days when he returned - During the absence of Mr Ertelle I visited nearly all the encampments of indians in the Southern part of the Cherokee nation where the renegade Creeks could be found - they all appeared to be under the erroneous impression that they could have a permanent home in the Cherokee nation and were consequently opposed to emigration - I then made out a statement of the situation of the creeks (among the Cherokees) their notions, accompanied, with suggestions of the most expedient course to be adopted in order to relieve the County of Benton from at least 1200 Creeks who are already

here and their numbers daily increasing and prevent probably one fifth of the Creek nation from coming here - Mr Estill and myself on our return from the Cherokee District - went by the white plains down the Chockalocha, crossed it and passed into Ram=dolph, visited some indians on the Talapoosa and returned to Mar=disville - I was despatched by Mr Estill to find a Mr Ragsdale in the County of Coosa whom I found and brought him with me to Mar=disville where we left on the 6th of this month met with Maj. Hunter who directed me again to visit the Cherokee District with which I complied, and am now here endeavouring to carry into effect your wishes in relation to Emigration - I have seen Messrs Rane and Ridge of the Cherokee Nation who have promised me their prompt assis=tance - I have obtained strong letters of recommendation to Mr Shumer=horn and Mr Curry, Commissioners and Agent for the Cherokee nation - And it is my intention to be at the Council of the 20th inst. to be held at Ridges, and under the rose, to effect an application at the Council of the Cherokees to the Government to remove the Creeks - Should the Agents of the Cherokees conclude to remove the Creeks - the cause of emigration will be eventually benifitted - It will be necessary for me to employ an Interpreter temporarily, which I will do on the morrow - which accords with the direction of Col. Hunter

Rest assured dear sir, every exertion on my part to promote the wishes of the Government in the relation of the removal of the Creeks will be strained to accomplish so desirable an object

I have the honour to be
Your Friend & Humble
Servt
Henry Vanderburgh

Col - Hogan

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1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) JOHN B.HOGAN,SUPT. (REPORT-OF PROGRESS OF-INVESTIGATION OF FRAUDS. IF SANFORD RETIRES FROM CONTRACT TO REMOVE INDIANS THE CONTRACT HAD BETTER BE CANCELLED,SOME OF THE CO. ARE LAND SPECULATORS. NOTHING WILL BE DONE REL TO EMIGRATION BEFORE SPRING. ONLY A SMALL PARTY WILL GO WITH BLUE)

Enclosure No 9 to Report

From

Col. J. B. Hogan

Tallassee, Oct 24 1838

Reports relative to progress made in the investigation of fraud &c

Says Genl Sanford & party are at Tallassee & expect a definitive answer on Emigration & until the Indians give them some assurances of giving in, Genl S. will give up the Contest

Thinks should he do so all prospects of Emigration this year will be at an end

Intends after talk with a number of Chiefs in prospect of Genl S. arrival the days of the 29 & 30th of Oct at which time there will be great manoeuvring of the Speculators &c

Nov 6th

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To Genl Geo. Gibson Esq.
Rec. of Ind. Aff.

Tallassee 24th Oct. 1835

Sir

I reached this place on Monday last and sent for the chiefs of the several towns, I gave out the Broken days for the purpose of conversing each town in their own square and on the sale of the 27 sections or as advertised to take place on the 22 & 23 my investigation was put off untill this day when I commenced in the Tallassee square & disposed off all the complaints in that town as well as Cheahaw. Tuskegee & Broawda, on Monday I commence in Tuckabatchee square & will go thro all the cases in 10 towns that are connected with Tuckabatchee =ie; Genl Sanford & his party of agents are here & I am told expects a definite answer to morrow on the subject of Emigration, he says that unless the chiefs give him some more positive assurance of going he will give up the contract, should he do so it will put an end to any fall Emigration as it will be too late to make the necessary preparation before we shall have falling weather, I am now satisfied that there is a small number that are willing to go this fall but I have no great faith in the promises of the chiefs: I have a number of them in my room at this place

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and in the presence of Judge Sanford & others upon them
a talk explained the nature of the contract & told
them that they should not hold out false premises, that
if they intended to go to work so, & they when they could be ready;
that if they wished to retain the confidence of the Government
& the agents of the Gov.t they must adhere to the truth &
Little Thing who is the next big man to Apothekiko answered
me by saying that the chiefs would have a council among
themselves in a day or two & would give an answer, in a conver-
sation I had with Little Doctor, he said whatever Apothekiko
& myself would say would be the law, but that their cattle was
scattered thro the woods & it would be hard to collect them at
this season of the year but that if they had a short time longer
to do their business they could be ready; The chiefs make an
attempt to sell the 29 sections at auction, there were two of
not their companions of speculators in the ground fearing that
if they opposed each other at the sale the land would run
up too high for speculation, and they came to some understand-
ing among themselves & set up a simple fellow by the
name of Brazel to run the lands up so as to have them
all knocked down to him, this they attempted but was com-
pletely foiled in their manœuvre; foreseeing their

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plain I asked Marshall & the other assignees to have a man who they could rely on to bid up the lands to within a few dollars of a fair valuation which was done & the whole sale amounted to $60.000; $27.000 was struck off to Beagel; about 8000$ to Jno Crowell & Jas. McCombie who immediately came forward & paid up their assignees & received Deeds & the money deposited in my hands Mr Beagil was not ready at 4 Clock the hour appointed to close the sale but came in sept morning & wanted to sell the land & take two fractions & refuse the balance the assignees had a Deed executed for all the land he purchased & tendered it, as ready for the payment of the money, which was refused by him & we then left this place for Tallassee square to go on with the investigation on the return of Marshall & then they served suits on them at the suit of Beagil who is notoriously not worth 500$ & a mere tool of Dr Weir, & instigated by Squire Chilton a pettifogging lawyer who instituted these suits, the object of these suits is to alarm & frighten the Indians assignees into measures; in the mean time some of the lumpers made bids of 30.000. 32.000. 33.000 & finally 35000$ & the Squire Chilton offered 40.000$ but says the difficulties that will arise from the suit

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will you compell him to decline complying with his bid

I have told the chiefs to pay no sort of attention to the Mitz; but to make sale of the land at private sale for such sum's as the chiefs would be satisfied with & prepare for their removal, altho this position has been taken by the chiefs and it is sunday all the speculators are still on the ground, expecting the chiefs to give way, I have heard much of land speculators & their plans to amass fortunes but I have seen nothing to equal the maneuvers of these people, so far they have been foiled & I trust will be foiled in their tricks on this occasion;

I have the honor to remain

your ob Servt

Geo. W. Hogan

Supt. Creek Removal



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Rec'd & Ans
No Copy of this

Mobile 25 Nov. 1835

Sir

Enclosed is a Copy of a letter just received from Major Blue dated Black Creek 20th inst. — my previous letters will have apprized you of the intention I gave Major Blue & the several officers who were to accompany a party could one be made up; it appears a small party will go. I shall leave here to day for Tuskaloosa & will there intercept the party if possible, but my presence is not absolutely necessary as Major Blue & Lieut Deas. will see to the enrollment. & Dr Randolph has his instructions from your department Capt. Page has turned over what funds he has deemed necessary to Lt. Deas. There will be nothing further for me to do in the matter but to go through with the investigation afterwards & have every thing in complete order for the spring campaign which I hope will be such as to give the President complete satisfaction.

I have the Honor to remain
Your Obed. Servt.
Geo. B. Hogan
Supt. C. Engineers

Genl Geo. Gibson
Washington City

P.S. The weather is now very cold & I fear these late movements will operate on the health of the party

Copy this, Copy

Black stone Chambers Co

Nov. 20. 1835

Dr Col.

Major Phips has about the number the Indians encamped in this neigh bourhood and says they intend starting on Monday. they calculate on 200. I expect Ben Marshall will bring the same number on with him: Mr Jennings Miller has returned from the fish pond & say's he expects from 100 to 200 in that quarter ready to join the others as they go on. from the above calculations you will perceive that 500 will be a full estimate. I shall go on with the Indians untill they all get to Mobile and then Enroll them which I expect will detain me in the nation untill the 1st of Dec.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
N. Blue

To Col Jno B. Hogan
Supt. C Emigrants
Mobile

127 Ensn Beale

From
Col T. B. Hogan
Mobile Nov. 13th 1845

Reports his arrival at Mobile
and encloses a copy of Major
Blair's letter of 7th Nov. do

Adjutant Genl's Office
Washington City
Nov 24th 1845

To Capt. Jno. Ayres
Ord. Jno. Adams
Adjutant Genl

OBTUSE ANGLE

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Sir Rec'd 24 Nov Mobile Nov. 13. 1855

I reached here yesterday & will hasten on with the (private business) which called me home & return as soon as possible to the station. Enclosed is a copy of Major Blue's letter of the 7th from Ft Mitchell; I have requested the Major to remain in the station until my return to attend to such matters as may require any attention with respect to Emigration.

I have the honor to remain your obt Svt
Jno. B. Hogan
Capt. Comdg

To
Genl Geo. Gibson
Com Genl of Sub.
Washington City

Envy 121 Creek

From
Col. Jno. B. Hogan
Montgomery 6 Nov.
1836

Encloses copies of letters.

Relates to Genl. Sanford's withdrawal from the Creek Contract & the determination of the Company to continue, &c — Expects on his return to learn the determination of the Dept as to the Contract. — Says that Genl. S. was the only efficient and popular one with the Inds, &c & speaks of his reasons as the stopping of the sales of the lands &c. — Omitted to mention that Mr. Beaty with Mr. Marshall supplied the place of C. Benton. Says Marshall has a bond from the Co to be returned free of all expense &c. 17 Nov.

3 inclosures

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Rec'd 17 Nov

Montgomery 1st Nov. 1835

Sir,

My last letter will apprize you of the course I have pursued previous to leaving Tallafaw by sending Maj. Blue across to Columbus and thence to Ft. Mitchell, and as it was as well to remain a day or two for him at a good tavern as at a miserable hovel in the Nation, I came here yesterday and to night have received by mail the letters, the enclosed are copies of:- By those letters it will be seen that Genl. Sanford has withdrawn and that the Company are determined to hold on; you will see by Maj. Blue's letter what sort of views are entertained by them; and by the letter from the Company, you will see they say in two or three weeks they calculate to make up a party- I shall leave Maj. Blue to attend on their movements until my return at which time I presume I shall know the full determination of the Department: whether the contract is to be continued or not- I can assure the Dept. it is only a waste of time to continue the Contract with those gentlemen- Genl. Sanford was the only efficient man in the Company- Col. Iverson I have never seen, but he is a silent partner, (if a partner at all,); Howell Blake, and Sugerwell have been land speculators and are unpopular with the Indians, and Ben Marshall has a bond from all the Company that they will keep him free from all expense and harm;- His object in joining was, to get his negroes removed this fall- The reason assigned by Genl. Sanford of stopping the sale of the lands, is nothing more or less than the echo of every land speculator in the Creek Nation, and it may have had some little effect on Sanford & Co.'s prospects: but the main reason is, the fact that with the exception of Genl. S. the Company is unpopular with the Indians, and whites and the White Gentry set their heads to

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to work to defeat the Company, and knowing that the Department was very anxious to get the Indians off, they calculated to get the Contractors to write to the Dept. to urge that the land offices might be re-opened, and they have kept up this drumming in all our ears:- Oh, if the lands could be certified to, now the Indians would go!! This has been their constant tune. at the very same time they were poisoning the minds of the Indians against the Contractors:- I have no doubt but Genl. Sanford thinks that this has had an effect on his prospects. but it really has not; but every land speculator in the Nation will say so has; but I know better.- Be that as it may we cannot recall time, all we can do is, to do better hereafter; and this winter will afford the Government the opportunity of getting back for the Indians, the lands stolen from them, and then to enable them to sell. the Indians will then believe in the honesty of their Govt. and will cheerfully go in the Spring; and it would be better for the character of the Government that no Indian ever left here, than to force them to remove in the distracted state of their land question; robbed as they have been of the provision made for them by the treaty, and thus, forced to go without an investigation.-

I omitted to mention that altho Mr. Beaty's name does not appear on the bond, he is nevertheless a partner, of this Gentleman I have heretofore spoken of- Marshall and Beaty take the place of Benton.-

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt. Servt.

Jno B T Logan
Supt. Creek Emigration

Lt Genl Geo Gibson
Washington city

P.S. I have procured here a map of the Cherokee nation on rollers as requested by Mr Easton & it will be forwarded upon as a tin box can be made for it the Register of the Land office here will attend to it for me



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1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) . JOHN B.HOGAN,SUPT. (REL TO INVESTIGATION OF FRAUDS IN LAND SALES. DETAILS OF CON-TRACT FOR REMOVALS. FEW INDIANS WILL REMOVE,ETC. )

C/S/D

H. J. Ind.

12/18 Sept. 1835.

Indian Emigration Office.

Ext. 1113

War Dept

See letter to Gen. Gibson of this date. Also a letter to Judge Tarrant from Ind. Office. Also letters about 18 Septr. to certifying agents.

Creeks 10 Expired

Col. J. R. Hogan

Washington 12 Sept. 1835

Relative to the investigation of frauds in the sale of Ind: Lands.

Wishes to employ three citizens as Asst. agents in Ind. Lands: & that his instructions as to that Ecom. may be delivered to him before his return South

19th Sep.

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Ans'd Rec'd. 19th Sept. by War Dept

Washington City 12 Sept. 1855

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 9th inst. instructing me to investigate in conjunction with the former certifying agents the frauds committed on the Indians in the sale & transfer of their lands; and accept of the duties assigned me. I will do all in my power to do justice to the Indians & give satisfaction to the Dept. over which you presided — while here permit me to call your attention to a few other matters that will aid in the removal of these Indians, under the new state of affairs, (the contract) I understand I am to be assisted by young officers of the army who are to be ordered to report to me at Stockbridge, there are now at that place connected with the removal

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Capt. Page & Lieut. Deas, and if the Dept. would authorize me to employ these citizens as assistants it would be as many persons as I should require under the present plan, the Creek nations embraces nine large Counties and it will be necessary to have an assistant in the principal places in the nations & when the chiefs require aid in the possession of their stocks or property persons to General Government are apt to aid them & young Officers are found to be bad merchants against the Indians would prefer the agents they know & who have been among them all summer.

In my letter of the 19 July addressed to Genl Gibson I mentioned the necessity of abolishing the factory system by a reference to that letter my reasons for

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making the suggestion will be seen.

I should be glad sir if possible that my instructions in full under the contract system could be prepared while I am here and that I may take them with me =

Would it not be well to authorize your entry of agents to reopen their offices for the disposal of such land as remain unsold after this investigation, so that no delay may occur on that account *

I shall endeavor to remain your obedient

Jno. B. Hogan

To the Hon
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* Ind. off directed 18 Septr. to write on this ~~subject~~ subject. C. & H.

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Ewing 110 Creek

Copy

Col: J. B. Hogan

Ft. Mitchell Oct 25

Has just arrived from Fayetteville N.C. — says there will be little or no emigration this fall &c.

Col: Saml Benton refused to sign the Contract &c: — Indians in Council at Dudley &c. —

Doct. Randall not arrived relies to his Coy & his instructions &c.

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Talladega 5 Oct. 1835

Dear 15th Oct. I reached this post this morning after a detention of two days, at Fayetteville N.C. in consequence of reaching that place in an extra; I am now on the spot & in a day or two will report the situation of affairs in full, as far as I have heard, & from what I can learn from sources that I believe may be relied on, that there will be little or no emigration this fall; If the contractors get a party ~~yet~~ ~~[illegible]~~ it will be a very small one, this is Captain Page's opinion & coincides with that of others that I have heard speak on the subject; Col Saml. Benton has withdrawn from all participation in the Contract & refuses to sign it, his share it is said has been divided between Mr Beaty & Ben Marshall a half breed Creek Indian, the Indians are in Council at Dudleys making another effort to transfer the 29 sections, Genl Lanford & others, are at that place, as he was charged with a packet from Judge Herring, for Opothleholo, and as it contains important information which when obtained may induce him & others to immediately prepare for a removal

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I have an copy and forwarded the document to the care of Judge Tannant the sub agent to have read & explained to him at the council: Doctor Randall has not yet joined. his orders to my care reached me to day as well as my instructions

I have the Honor to
remain your Obedt.
Geo. B. Hogan
Supt. Creek Emigrants

Gordon Gibson
Asst. Sec.
Washington City

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Referred 21st Sept by War Dept:
answered by Engr Dep: 22d Sept

Washington City 19 Sept 1835

To The Hon
Lewis Cass.

Sir

It was my wish to converse fully with you on several matters relating to the Emigration of the south Indians, as well as the investigation of frauds committed on that people and for that purpose I have done myself the honor to call several times at your office but have been so unfortunate as to find you engaged. Having fixed on Thursday next at 5 Oclock in the morning to leave this District for the south, I must take this method of laying before you such matters as appear to me will require your action and to make such suggestions as the change in the mode of removing these Indians appears to be necessary. In the conversation I had with you in company of Gen Gibson I understood you to say that the officers of the army that were to be attached to the south Emigration should be placed under my orders; will it not be necessary that the adjt General or other proper Department should direct them to

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report to me for orders; or will the Dept. define their duties the co
and relative connection with one an superintendent; I desire to pre
make this request from any apprehension that collision of any spirit
kind may arise between the officers now at Ft Mitchell & myself avoid
but that I think it is right that each should understand mew.
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officers of the line detailed on such removal &c. — open a
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the Contractors, their agents, & the officers of Government attached to parties to be very particular in their intercourse & circumspect in their conduct towards the Indian women so as to avoid all cause of complaint or jealousy on the part of the men. —

It is well known that a company of fugitives attempted to steal a number of Indian negroes & among them two Indian children and was near effecting their purpose when they were detected in Chapelco. It is said that several similar companies have been formed & that they have fraudulent bills of sale for every negro belonging to the Indians & that it is their intention to make an effort to get them negroes into their possession on the marching of the emigrants. Will the Dept. authorize any defence to be made against these species of fraud? It was my intention under the old regulations to have detailed a camp guard from each party and prohibited any white men from visiting my camp after night — will the continued of the contractors can this be done by the officers who accompany each party?

Whose duty will it be to have the Indians correctly enrolled? the contractors or superintendents? I presume the roll should be correctly made out & certified to before each party leaves Alabama; and should not a copy be sent with the officer who accompanies the party to be compared & remustered on their arrival in their new home?

I have received two letters from my former assistant which speak of changes among the contractors and also of the state of feeling among the Indians in Talladega & Benton Counties, which induces me to lay these letters before you

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The Mr Beaty spoken of in Mr Wilson's letter as having via Mr Benting's interest, I think is an improper person to be connected in any manner with the Emigration; he has been a deep speculator in Indian lands & is badly spoken of. Also the notorious Col Iverson it is said has sold his Interest for $5000= from all I can glean from private letters, I think it not improbable that a failure may take place in the prosecution of this contract, and that the Dept. might as well be prepared for such an event and have the instructions so framed that no loss of time may take place in sending on such Indians as come into Camp or should the contractors fail on the road that the necessary supplies may at once be taken on —

as the old regulations will be materially done away with by this contract, I would respectfully suggest some few alterations in the old regulations that may prove useful & necessary in the 5th & 2 article it is made the duty of the superintendant to certify the quarterly abstracts of the disbursing officer, this is a duty I have never yet been called on to perform, the regulations does not directly require the disbursing agent to submit his abstracts to the superintendent altho this article could not be complied with by the Supt. unless they were submitted — would it not be well to modify this article so as to make it more positive?

The 4th Rule of the 3 article makes it the duty of the disbursing officer to make out & transmit estimates whenever funds are required, would it not be well that these estimates should be made monthly &



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first submitted to the superintendant to be approved of by him than his signature to each estimate; and should not a copy of his preceding account current also accompany his estimate? If these modifications are made then will there be an uniformity between the opinions of the superintendant & disbursing off. and then there will never be any necessity for such large sums remaining in the hands of the disbursing agents as was the case in the Creek Emigration of last year: as the regulations now stand the disbursing agent may draw any amount he may estimate for, & the superintendent know nothing of it, altho under the 5th rule of the 2nd Article he would come in indirectly for a share of the responsibility; under the contract as it now stands there will be nothing to prevent the disbursing agent from making monthly reports tendering his vouchers every two Months: this could not be done if the disbursing agent should act with the parties: but under the contract he may remain stationary =

The officers of the army detailed on this duty must of course ride, what am I to say to them on the subject of a horse? as they are allowed no extra pay, many of them may be unable to buy themselves a horse. will they be authorized to purchase a horse & order the disbursing agent

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to pay for it & subsequently he could be acc.d of the U States?" St Dear is now in this situation he was unable to pay a horse, by honorably purchase one to perform his duty & he wishes to know whether he will be allowed to turn his horse over to an U.S. agent or sell him as agt of the U.S.

The investigation of frauds will require much writing and fair copies must be made out for the use of the Dept. Will I be authorized to temporarily employ a clerk to assist me in this business?

I should be glad to have return me the enclosed letters after they are read, and should you wish to see me before I set out by dropping me a letter to the care of Mr Casenove I will return to the city. Otherwise all communications can be forwarded as usual to

Yours Mitchell

I have the honor to remain your obt Svt
Jno. B. Hogan
Supt. Ind. Affairs

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Rec 27 Oct Exo.

Fort Mitchell 17 Oct. 1835

Sir

Since my last I have had visit from Chocktaw, Efichattha, Stack Mattla & a number of inferior chiefs, their business with me was to know when & where I would commence the investigation of frauds said to have been committed on them by the whites in the purchase of their lands I enquired if any of them or their people would go this fall, they all said no- I then told them that the Tuckabatchee towns had expressed a desire to go immediately and I should make their cases the first looked into- they seemed very well satisfied with that determination & I made the arrangements with them that they would all come to this post after I had investigated the other cases in the upper towns:

Major Blue has returned from Tuckabatchee & says that Dubuisson had informed him that Opothlehola had sent to Mobile for new waggons to remove his family & that of his principal chiefs and that they would be ready after the sale of the 29 Section & the investigation of frauds & that they were waiting for me to commence: from this information & from a belief that no party of Emigrants will go from this vicinity this fall. I have notified Dr McHenry to meet me in Tallassee on Monday the 19 inst I have issued public notice (a copy of which is enclosed) and shall remain my H.Q.rs for the present to Tuskegee Macon County al. altho I shall remain in Tallassee untill I get through such cases as can be conveniently attended to at that place- Tuskegee is now the new

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mail route and is the seat of justice for Macon County and possesses the advantage of a daily mail from Washington city to Mobile. Tallassee has a weekly mail from Tuskegee but is only 15 miles apart. so it will be better to forward my documents to Tuskegee. I have employed Thos J. Abbott Esq. as an assistant to help me in the investigation he is a lawyer and will be of great service to me in this duty and will receive $3.50 per day.

I have as desired to allege I also forwarded Mr. a note on the 13th instant to obtain from them such information (officially) as would enable me to be prepared on my part for such duties as would devolve on me & at the same time to keep you appriseed of their success (a copy of my letter is herewith enclosed) I regret to say that thus far they have paid no sort of attention to that communication altho I have seen half the Company once or twice since. On yesterdayRisto Colem has seen Capt Blake Ingersoll Howell & Marshall; I understand from them that they would all be in Tallassee next week to attend the sale of the Reg section to the Govt. Sanford came here last Tuesday but after consulting with Captain Page he abandoned the idea of visiting the Refugees & returned to Columbus, as did all the Co was on yesterday.

From all I have seen & heard I am sorry to say I have no reason to change the opinion expressed in my letter of the 5th inst. I have rec'd a copy of the Dec & Dr Randall, order & that of a letter to Mr Sanford Co of the 23 Sept. I have the honor to remain your Obt Svt

Jno. B. Hogan
Capt Ord Comdg

To Genl Geo Cullum
Ch. Ord

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(Copy)

To Messrs S. W. Langford & Co

Gentlemen

Fort Mitchell 13 Oct. 1835

will you do me the favour to state when & where you will open your camp for the collection & Enrollment of the Emigrating Creek Indians and also whether you contemplate sending more than one party this fall to the West? and when you contemplate that party shall leave the Creek Nation?

I have the Honor to
remain your Ob Servt.

Jno. B Hogan
Superintendant Creek Emigrants

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Col Hogan asks if it will not be necessary for the Adj. Genl to direct the officers to be placed under his orders?

- Asks if medical gentlemen should not also be placed under his orders?

- Will contractors be allowed to deal with Indians?

- Will the Dept. have the power to restrict the contractors from speculating in Indian property, such as land, horses, negroes &c?

- Will it not be proper to enjoin on the Contractors their agents and the officers of Govt. attached to parties to be very particular in their intercourse with Indian women?

- Will the Dept. authorize any defence to be made against the combinations of persons who conspire to take the Indians' negroes by false bills of Sale? - It was his intention to detach a camp guard &c - Can this be done by the officers accomp. each party?

- Whose duty to have Indians correctly enrolled?

- Has rec. letters from his former agent which speak of changes among the contractors, and also as to the state of feeling of the Indians of Talladega & Benton counties. Reads letters before the Secretary: Mr. Milton says Mr. Beatty has had transferred to him the interest of Mr Benton in the contract. - Mr Sherman is reported to have sold out for $5000 - don't know the purchaser; - Beatty is a man of capital. Mr Bordeaux says efforts making to colonize the Indians below the old Federal road. The Indians much opposed to being removed by contractors. Mr Gillet says the Indians are strongly opposed to going west with the Georgians.

- Col Hogan says Mr Beatty is a very important person to be associated in the contract - a great land speculator & badly spoken of. -

- Anticipates a failure - Suggests that the instructions be so framed as to anticipate that result - So that if contractors fail in Camp or on the road the Agents of the Govt may go on.

- Has never been called on to certify the Quarterly statements of Disb. officers - asks that this shd be made obligatory on the latter to submit the abstracts of Disbursements to him.

- Suggests that the estimates be required monthly and first submitted to the Superintendt to be approved by him & have his signature &c. -

- If these modifications are made there will not need to be such large sums in the hands of the Disb. Agt as was the case during the last Creek emigration - As the regulations now stand he may draw any sum he chooses to estimate for.

- Suggests that under the Contract system the Disb. Agt remain stationary

- Will the officers of the army be allowed a horse? - If a Disb. Agt purchase a horse can he turn him over to another or sell him on Govt acct?

- Asks Col Hogan be allowed a Temporary Clerk to assist him in copying during his investigation of frauds?

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Fort Mitchell 12 Oct. 1835

Sir General Sanford & party returned to Columbus from Hurdlys on Friday evening & I went up to see him, on yesterday, he seems to be in high spirits and thinks he will get a party from Tuckabatchee & a few of the Cowetas, it seems the chiefs have finally made a transfer of the Reservations to Ben Marshall, Wm McGilvary, James Island & another Indian and they are to be sold at public Auction at Tallassee on the 22 & 23 inst for Cash, The Council has broken Tuskenawhaw who is no longer to be recognized as a chief, this will materially break up Walkers plan of colonizing Tuskenawhaw & his friends on the parairies near Fort Hull: I proposed to Genl. Sanford to commence the investigation of frauds in behalf of the Creek nation that would best facilitate the cause of Emigration & would make its enforcement to his view on that subject: he was first of opinion that it would be best to commence in Tuckabatchee as his first party would go from that town, but after a few moments of reflection he thought that it would be best to commence here; as there was a probability that the Uchees might be induced to Emigrate this fall and he would go down & see them next week: finding

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from his conversation that he was unsteady in his opinions, I deemed it proper to submit my proposition in writing herein his answer in the same way, enclosed are copies of my letter & his reply. my object in addressing him thus formally was to prevent any complaint that might hereafter be made by the Emigration, you will see that he leaves me to open the investigation wherever I choose, the Indians about here have said expressly they will not go this winter and I may as well make their cases the last. If the Tuckabatchians will go this fall their cases should be the first examined; I am looking for Major Blue every moment from that town & will be able to speak more positively as to the feelings of those people when he returns — Ben Marshall who is now engaged with Sanford & Co told me yesterday that he was of opinion that the contractors would get a party to go west. I asked him if there would be 1000. in all black, red, big, & small = he said no. — he did not think the party would be over a few hundred = Marshall is very anxious to go himself & take his negroes, but will leave his wife & children untill next year; James Islands who I had made quite calculations on has declined going this fall & will retain at least half of the Cowetas, from all I have heard I have not much reason to change the opinion expressed in my last =

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To Gen. Com. o. C.

Lieut Dear orders have not yet come to hand nor has the copies (you) promised me, of Doctor Randall & Lieut Dear's orders Dr. Randall has not yet arrived: It has been with much difficulty that I could induce Major Blue to accept of a place at the reduced pay. Mr Wilson has declined & gone to Mobile, and I fear the government will find it bad economy to reduce the pay every thing is very high in this country & no one can live here with a horse at short of two dollars per day. I do hope the Dept. will place the pay on the same footing it was last summer or I may be deprived of the services of the right kind of officers Mr Sommerville has entered the service of the contractors at $4 per day & his expences paid on the March —

I have had a visit to day from Tuckabatchee Fixico & four other chiefs all very anxious for the investigation but none of them willing to go west this year —

I have the honor to remain

Your Obt Servt

Geo. B. Tyson

Capt. Comdg Regiment

To Gen Geo. Gibson
Com. Genl of Subsistence
Washington City

Capt. Page continues very much indisposed

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(Genl Gibson Sir Enclosed)

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J. B. Hogan

Fort Mitchell 12 Oct. 1835

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To Genl. J. W. A. Sanford (Copies) Columbus 10 Oct. 1835

Sir Having been appointed by the President of the U States to investigate certain frauds said to have been committed on the Indians in the sale of their lands & having exhibited to you my instructions, it will be unnecessary to repeat the contents of them to you in this communication; my object in now addressing you is to ascertain from you, your opinion as to the most proper plan to commence this investigation, so as to facilitate your operations in the removal of ~~the~~ such Chiefs Indians ~~that~~ as will be first ready to emigrate; you have recently been over all the nations & know best where the first party will start from and will it not be best to commence this investigation there? Having shown that will not emigrate this fall to be the last cases that are to be looked into; will you please to give me your opinion on this subject at as early a moment as practicable.

I have the Honor to remain your Obt Servt
Jno B. Hogan
Supt. Chiefs Removal

Sir (Copy.) Columbus Oct. 11. 1835

Your communication of yesterday was handed to me last evening by Dr. Chipley, and in reply, I would remark

# To all Concerned.

Having been invested with authority to investigate the charge of certain frauds said to have been committed on the Creek Indians in the sale of their Lands, I shall commence the investigation in the town of Tallassee, on Tuesday the 20th inst. where all concerned may appear if they think proper.

FORT MITCHELL,
Oct. 13th, 1835.

**JOHN B. HOGAN,**
*Superintendant Creek Emigration.*

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1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) JOHN B.HOGAN,SUPT. (PAY OF HIS ASSTS INSUFFICIENT. PROBABILITY OF A LARGE EMIGR PARTY IN THE FALL,DESIRES A COMPANY OF INFANTRY,CORRESPONDENCE WITH GOV.OF ALA. PROCEEDINGS OF A COUNCIL OF INDIANS,ANNUITY HAS BEEN PAID,LETTER FROM COL.BEAN OF TEXAS. INDIAN TALK. ASKS ADDITIONAL POWER)

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Mr Crittenden

Fort Mitchell 8th June 1835

Sir

Major Blue Mr Sommerville have just returned from visiting the towns in the South of this Viz Hitchitee Yon Fallee, Niche, Osuitche, Chehaw, Hotallaho auna & Tolauna Towns. they report that nothing can be known satisfactorily of the way of these Indians until after the general Council, many told them they would go but they seem to have no confidence in their prosperity but in the fall they say there is little doubt of a very large emigration; this corresponds with all I have heard from the various parts of the nation, and I think I shall be able to get a party off soon as the Annuity is paid. I shall make a long talk to the Creek nation at this council if I can get an opportunity to do so, & shall explain to them their true situation, & request an answer at the payment of the Annuity. this is all I can do untill I try the effect of an encampment, & I am of the opinion that is the only effectual mode of knowing the success of my efforts. I am glad to know it is the opinion of Col Crowell & all that is fully acquainted with the Indian Character. they all say that untill that is done no opinion can be obtained truly of them; I shall therefore pitch my tent as soon as possible after the payment of this annuity & take all

such as may they will go to form into Camp & draw their arms &
receive provision, if this day not succeed I dont know what will,
The fact is there is so many rascals at work to defeat the views of
the Government that it is a most perplexing duty and makes me
almost regret I accepted the appointment, but as I have engaged
I cannot in honor back out I shall continue to struggle on the
if I cannot ultimately overcome these difficulties, I am never yet
failed to surmount the numerous difficulties I have had to encounter
thro life & I should dislike to be found failing in this; but I
hope that by perseverance & patience, I may ultimately succeed.
and I will persevere to the end; but I can assure you that the
Severity & Unkindness of the government as well as its partiality & paren-
tal feelings towards these people are not appreciated by them but
are entirely lost on them, their principal chiefs as well as all their
chiefs are a most dishonest, lying, worthless set of rascals, & the
truth is not in them, they are quick at exacting every thing for their
own benefit & will not hesitate to lie themselves out of a performance
of their own obligations; a few days ago I met at the Tavern at this
post 6 of the chiefs among them Neo Micos. & Efie matla, they
took no notice of me & appeared as if they did not want to know
me, I sent for my interpreter & told them I wanted to have a talk
with them, and invited them to my room, they asked me if I
could not say to them there what I wished to communicate, I replied
yes. & then informed them who I was, they said they knew me

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and said those Indians that wanted to go might do so. They did not
stop them; I told them they should advise their people to go who
had sold their land. They said they had done so. I asked them why
they did not do so too; I asked them if they had not sold their
own land, they said they had not. In reply to my question, they
state denied it. & I was assured by Capt Pope & others that both
had sold their lands; It is to be regretted that the provision in the
12 article of the treaty was ever placed there the obligation to accept
should have been peremptory after the sale of their land: and I
am convinced that before they will consent to go, force will
have to be used by the state authorities, if Capt. Walker carries
his project of colonizing them on his land we shall be cursed
with a portion of this wretched population. The people in
this country have made a requisition on Gov Gayle for an
armed force & I learn he has written the Dept. on the subject
the Governor has written me on this subject, enclosed is a copy of his letter
my answer, I have no doubt but a company of Infantry may
be serviceable at this post, but more than one company will
be useless; to furnish small parties to back the civil authority
when required is all sufficient: the people have asked for it
& it will be wise to let them have at least the countenance of such protection; I hope I shall be able to report
more flattering of my affairs in my next as I shall meet all my agents at the Creeks

rather that Dean or Col Hamilton has yet joined or been heard from. I shan't know tomorrow for the council ground — —

Yours ever respectfully

Geo. B. Hogan

Supt. Creek Emigration

To Hon. Geo. Gilmer

Com. Indian Affairs

Washington City

P.S. Enclosed is copies of a few of my letters to my agents. I send them to shew the manner I am performing this duty and hope it will meet your approbation —

Geo. B. Hogan

Commanding the Volunteers

Montgomery Ala.

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To his Excellency (Copy) Fort Mitchell June the 2nd 1835
John Gayle
Governor of Alabama.

Sir,

On my arrival last evening at this post. I was handed your letter of the 18th Ultimo. and regret very much that Mr. Vandyke did not remain here a few days long=er, that I might have had a personal interview with him on the subject of your communication; I shall, however, answer your several interrogatories in the manner you have propounded them:

1st. Has travelling on the highway become unsafe?

Answer. There has been a murder or two near this place, and the Indians, are now arrested and in jail, the travelling may be con=sidered unsafe, while the Country is full of drunken, worthless Indians, but at the same time, I consider there is as much danger travelling on any other part of the world; for the depredations are the act only of a few, without any concert or combination of Indians and as opportunity or chance may present a favor able opportunity to plunder, and it is better, therefore, for per=sons travelling from Montgomery, to Columbus, to go in compa=nies of two or more,— I, have just returned from a tour of 5 or 600 miles thro. the whole nation, and believe that all the danger that exists is in this quarter—

2nd. Is the civil authority, in that quarter sufficient to arrest the murderers and to prevent a repetition of the offences now complained of?

Answer. It is my opinion that in this quarter the civil

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authorities are not competent to arrest the murderers; but this does not proceed from any opposition or combined efforts of the Indians to oppose the civil authority, but from a dread that appears to exist among the white population of the Indian character; as for instance, A white man told me when I visitted his house, that only two days before, the murderer of Fanning was there all day. I asked him why he did not arrest him. he said he was afraid to do so, because his, the Indian's relations would be certain to kill him when the Indians was hung, & he did not know why he should expose his life in such a case, when he might be certain, the Indian's relations would be certain to have a sacrifice, and as for the white population turning out, "en masse" and hunting up the murderer, nothing could be gained by it – In conversing with an intelligent old Chief on the subject he remarked that the Chiefs had no power over their bad men, the laws of Alabama are extude=ed alike over chief and common Indian, and if the chiefs punished bad men, the laws of Alabama, would punish them for it, and the white people would not hunt up the bad men and would run at large – the fact is, the Indians have a great repugnance to delivering their bad men to the Whites for punishment –

3rd Interrogatory. Is there any real cause for alarm to the Settlers generally?

Answer. In this County and Barbour there may be; but I do not believe there is any in the upper Counties, this may be attributed to the known dissolutness of the Whites, they have ever been known and stigmatized as a bad and rogueish

roguish set of Indians. their language is different from the Creeks and they are said to be great thieves and rascals. those Indians inhabit these two counties, but bad as they may be, if half the reports be true, that is asserted of the conduct of the land buyers towards these people, it is not to be wondered at that those ignorant savages most occasionally to revenge and take the law in their own hands, and redress their own grievances. they only know that it is the white man that has injured them, and the killing of one white man, whether innocent or guilty, is the same to them. they have their revenge, and that the settlers or land buyers, in this quarter may have reason to fear these Indians, I should think may be the case, the complaint goes forth from them, and they must know but.

4th Would not a proclamation to arrest all Indians, who might be embraced by our vagrant act, bring them to a sense of their true situation, and induce them to enrole for emigration?

Answer Perhaps it might, but I am not prepared to say what effect it might have on such Indians, I should think that such as would fall under the vagrant law, would not think at all they leave all the thinking to their chiefs and headmen, they have told me they had nothing to eat – no money – in fact, nothing to urge them to enrole, they answer, yes, when the chief says, go, they will go, and all the proclamations in the world, will not make them go, until their head men say go, and they are ready at a moments warning, the proclamation, however, may have a good effect, on the Chiefs if addressed to them, and properly worded; but the Indians can only be removed thro, the medium of their Chiefs, whatever operates on the chiefs and

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make them restless and anxious to remove, will operate most powerfully on the people; each Town as they are called have their Lawmakers, and Chiefs, and they possess the most ample and unbounded influence over the people of their town, & Opothlehola altho, not the principal Chief of the Nation, is in fact and deed, the greatest Indian in the Nation, and exerts a powerfull influence over all the Chiefs in this Nation. and I consider him the greatest obstacle in the way of emigration — he sends out his talks to the Chiefs not to sell their land, or go to the Arkansaw; until he gives the word, and when he does, the Nation will go, "en masse!" and not an Indian will be left behind.

Your 5th Interrogatory, Under all the circumstances, is it your opinion that a troop of mounted men is necessary to correct the difficulties complained of?

I answer that I do not think it is necessary, but at the same time I cannot see how you can do otherwise, than apply for a military force to be stationed at this post, the applications have gone to you from the people of this County and you cannot do otherwise than forward them; but one company of infantry to afford protection, would be as good as 500 mounted men; for there is no one to hunt us but can be done as effectually by infantry as by horsemen and the saving to the Government, in the expense of the two corps, will be immense.

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt. Servt.
Jno. B. Hogan
Supdt. Emi. Creek Indians

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(Copy) Tuscaloosa May 18th 1835

Dear Sir,

I have recently received several communications from the Creek Country, from which I am advised that several persons have been lately killed, on the highway by the Indians.

It would appear from their communications, that travelling has become unsafe, and that the settlers are overawed by their red neighbors indeed, I am left to draw the inference, that the Indians being more numerous than the whites, feel at liberty to commit on their persons and property, daily depredations, and that many of our Citizens have been induced, to abandon their homes. I have been hesitating whether I ought not to go over and ascertain every thing myself, but the accumulation of business while I was at Mobile, and a sick family, renders it nearly impossible. I have finally determined to send Mr. Vandyke, (express,) to you and to bring with him your views fully on the Subject. I am urgently requested as you will see from the communications I send you to place in that quarter a military force sufficient to protect the Citizens and to overawe the Indians. this will be attended with great expense to the State, and should not be resorted to, without the strongest necessity.

Let me have your answer by Mr. Vandyke to these enquiries, to Wit. Has travelling on the highway become unsafe?

2nd Is the civil authority, in that quarter sufficient to arrest the murderers and to prevent a repetition of the offences now complained of?

3rd Is there any real cause for alarm to the settlers generally?

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4th Would not a proclamation to arrest any Indians, who might be embroiled by our vagrant act, bring them to a sense of their true situation and induce them to enlist for emigration?

5th Under all the circumstances, is it your opinion that a troop of mounted men, is necessary to correct the difficulties complained of?

I beg you to respond to these interrogatories promptly and candidly. I have been on the point of setting out myself, to visit personally, the scene of these complaints, but the instant it occurred to me that you were there, I determined, that sending an express to you, would do as well –

I expect Mr. P. will be back on Sunday next, dispatch him as soon as possible.

Col. S. B. Hogan
Fort Mitchell

Your Friend
John Gayle

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Mr. Philip Page (Copy) Jacksonville May 26th 1835

Dear Sir,

Having conferred the appointment of Assistant Conductor on you, on the 24th inst it remains for me to give you such instructions as will be necessary to enable you to act in concert with the rest of the emigrating Officers. I wish you to fix yourself in some convenient position in Coosa County and ride among the various Towns of Indians in that County and such others as you are best acquainted with, and can exert the most influence over in favor of emigration. As you will require the assistance of one Interpreter, you are authorized to employ one at such salary as you can agree on, not to exceed two dollars and fifty cents per day, he paying his own expenses and finding his own horse, his pay to be allowed only for the actual days you have him employed on this business. I want you to ascertain as soon as possible how many Indians can be induced to go with the first party, which may march by the 20th June, meet me at the grand Council on the 11th Sum, and make a report of your success, and aid me at the council in urging the Indians to go West, and when we all meet there, we can then arrange for an encampment of such as are ready to go West. Mr. Estill will attend to such Indians as lie in Benton and Talladega and over whom he can exert an influence, but you will be at liberty to visit any of the Towns in either of those Counties or Randolph, that you have influence with, and act in concert with all - All I have further to say is, that weekly reports directed to me at Fort Mitchell, will be expected.

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expected, and must not be omitted, as the Government expects every man employed in this business to be prompt active, and punctual; and for all to do their duty to their country.

I have the Honor to remain
Your Obt. Servt.
Jno. B Hogan
E. Agent

Mr. Isaac Estell
Mardisville

(Copy to Mr. Estell) Jacksonville May 25th 1835

Sir,

Believing it will be to our advantage to return by another route, I have requested Mr. Cunningham to pass thro. Mardisville, retain from you my Map. I hope you will have marked on it the Town house of each tribe of Creeks, residing in the district of Country under charge of Judge Tarrant, or Judge Sawyer's land district, as it will be of immense value to me in arranging my parties of emigrants— In the conversation held with you in my interview on the morning I left Mardisville, I stated to you, that I was directed to make no appointments, that would exceed the sum of three dollars ⅌ day, for the time actually employed, the expenses of last year, have so far exceeded every calculation on the subject of emigration, that the Department has felt it necessary to change their course the recommendations you have handed me, have induced me, to offer you the only situation in my power that can be made— In Talladega County, it is that of Assistant Conductor, the pay is three dollars ⅌ day for the time you are actually employed on Indian business, you must find your own horse, and pay your

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Your own expenses. You will be authorised to employ an Interpreter, whose pay will be $2.50 p day, he finding his own horse and paying his own expenses. You will give him a certificate when done with his services, for the exact number of days he has been employed. And he will not be entitled to pay only when employed by you on this business. Your duties will be to ride among the various towns in Taladega, and Benton. There being no Creeks in the upper end of this County, your duties will be principally confined to the lower end of this County and Taladega Co., Rabbit Town, Chockalucco, Turnipseed, Tallasseehatchie, Ahecochee, Cheaham, Taladigo, Econchatee, and such other Indians as you may believe your interest may be felt. I wish you to be active and ascertain if possible by the 11th June how many Indians you can enrole and induce to emigrate with the first party. To keep down the expenses, we cannot bring into Camp, until we have enough provisioned to go, as we are allowed but twenty days to encamp, before we take up our line of march. I wish you to obtain this information, so as to report to me at the grand Council on the 11th June, at which place, I hope to see you, and every other agent employed on this business, in order, that we may so arrange my plans, as to have a simultaneous movements of such Creeks as can be induced to go with the first party

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt. Servt
Jno. B. Hogan
Emigrating Agt

Maj. Isaac Estell
Mardisville

Mr. Royster (Copy to Mr. Royster) Macdonville 23rd May 1835

Sir,

The temporary appointment I conferred on you at Blake's Store, required of you weekly reports, of your success and proceedings, not having rendered any reports, I came here to ascertain if you had made one, and what success attended your efforts, not being able to see or hear anything of you or of your success, you will not be surprised at my withdrawing the appointment I gave you, as every Officer employed by me in emigrating Indians, must not only do their duty, but do it promptly, you will, therefore, consider your appointment at an end, you will make out your account for the number of days you have been actually employed, and swear to it, before a Justice of the Peace and forward it to me at Fort Mitchell, and I will send you a warrant on the Disbursing agent for your pay.

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt. Servt.
Jno. B. Hogan
Emigrating Agent

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1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) JOHN B.HOGAN, SUPT. (REPORTS OF ASSTS. INDICATIONS THAT AGENTS OF THE COLUMBUS Co. ARE OPPOSING REMOVALS. REL TO FAILURE OF COL. HUN[illegible] TO REPORT. REL TO SUBSTITUTION OF CONTRACTORS FOR GOV[illegible]TS. WHICH IS NOT LIKED BY INDIANS & WILL INTERFERE WITH THE REMOVALS)

Enc. 99 Creek

From
Col. Jno. B. Logan
Ft. Mitchell 26 July 35

Enclosed Copies of letters rec'd by Mr Commerville — says Indians attended at Cudley but as all the Chiefs were not there nothing was done — doubts not but Agt. at Columbus Ga. have advised Gen. Eaton

Copy of letter within inclosed

Silas Dinsmoor
Washington City

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Sir. Recd 7 aug^st

Nat. Whitetail Aug^st 26th 1835

Enclosed are copies of letters recd to day by Mr Summerville, who has just returned after an arduous tour through the Nation. It appears that Judge Sarrant attended at Dwellings; but as all the Chiefs in this end of the Nation did not attend, there was nothing done. You will see by these letters that our opponents are hard at work to induce the Department to enter into this contract. I have no doubt but it is the Agents of this Columbus Company, that have so strenuously opposed emigration.

Genl. Geo Gibson
Washington City

Your Obt Svt
Jno. B. Wagner

Copied by
James Seward
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(Copies from original) (Extract of Mr. Isaac Cutell's report Aft. Agt)

Dear sir, Dudley's Talapoosa Cty, July 24 1835

I attended this council with a hope to see you and receive any instructions you might have to communicate; you have no doubt recd. my regular reports weekly, as they have been promptly attended to – I have recd. no communication from you since the 14th June; – from the best information I can gain, we will be able to send from my District something like five thousand this fall; – we have about three hundred enrolled and the principal part say they will work in good time to go – you may rest assured that no exertions on my part shall be spared to effect the great cause of emigration, at the same time urging all my Assistants, the great necessity of enrolling and a constant presence with the indians as this is the only way to succeed.

Yours &c.
Isaac Cutell

Col. J. B. Hogan

(Benj. Young's report. Aft. Cond.)

Col. J. B. Hogan Talapoosa County at Dudley's July 24th 1835

Sir — I was very much in hopes of seeing you at this place but ascertaining that you would not attend this meeting, I drop a few lines by Mr. Sommerville informing you that I have been visiting the Hilliah and Fish-pond Towns, personally, to ascertain how many would emigrate this fall – the prospects are somewhat more favorable than when you passed thro. this section of the country – I hope that my brother and myself will be able to enrole several Hundred in a very short time, as they say they will certainly go as soon as their crops can be gathered – we spare no pains in doing all that is in our power – the indians are working on, very much by designing white men to prevent them from emigrating; but I hope we will be able to start a considerable number this fall.

Very Respectfully &c –
Benj. Young

Col. Jno. B. Hogan

(Solomon Robbin's report)

Dear sir, July 24th 1835

I inform you that I have been through eight towns and find the prospects good for a fall party, tho. there is considerable opposition to emigration – I have enrolled but few – they hold back for the council that is now in session: – I understand from the indians in my District that there is some man or men of influence saying to them not to enrole until they all come

come to a conclusion and all enrole at the same time – I should be glad to see you – I shall continue enroling for a party and I wish you to instruct me when to open an encampment. – Your's respectfully

Col. Hogan

Solomon Robbins

Col. Hogan, (H. Youngs report) St Dudley's July 25th 1838

Dear sir,

I have to say that I am truly sorry that you did not attend at this meeting, as I anticipated seeing you here which I could have communicated more fully on the Subject of emigration, the designing white men of this country are doing all they can to prevent the Indians from emigrating, which you are no doubt apprised of; I further remark to you that some persons are endeavouring to urge the Chiefs that if they will apply to the Dept. that they can choose their own emigrating Agent. There is no doubt but there are strong efforts making against you, which I feel it my duty as a friend to communicate to you – many obstacles are presented to the chiefs to hold their people back, but my prospects are better every day for a fall emigration – I hope I shall be able to enrole some 5 or 600 – in a short time, as I have a pledge from some men whom I can rely on – the lower Grasons and all their friends will emigrat and they are giving all their aid in the cause – I am very anxious to see you as I could communicate more fully than I can possibly write at this time – I am waiting to see the result of this meeting which, perhaps, I can be able to give more information – I am sorry to state to you the death of Joseph Sharp – He died on the 17th inst – I shall attend the meeting at Cuchabatchie on tuesday next – at that place I hope to see you; if not, I will report from that place – for further particulars I refer you to Mr Sommerville

Col. John B. Hogan

Emigrating Agt.

Yours truly

H. Young

(Mr Ragsdale's report) Talapoosa County July 25th 1835

Col. Hogan

Dear sir — Since I wrote you, I have been in Coosa, Talladega, Benton, Randolph, and, am now in this County – the prospect of emigration is not flattering at this time, tho I believe many in the fall will go, but sir, with astonishment I have become convinced that there is strong opposition from some cause to the removal of the indians this year – with Respect

Mr Ragsdale

Sir, (Mr. Drummond's report Apt agt.) Dudley's 25th July 1835

Agreeable to your instructions of the 9th inst. I proceeded to the different Indian Towns west of of the Talapoosa river, in the counties of Coosa, Paladega, Benton, and part of Randolph and Talapoosa – In each of the above mentioned counties, there appears to be a wish on the part of the Indians to remove west this fall, particularly in the Tickory ground towns, and also in the Okilijah, Tickfoone, Wilahee, Choka-loch, Econchatty, Okchaxalar, and Coweta towns; I saw a great many of the chiefs of the different towns who are anxious to remove, and I think from the information obtained that you may safely depend upon there being from two to three thousand that will migrate this fall which you will see by the enclosed letters, from the different agents employed in the service; – there appears to be an unaccountable opposition to the emigration; in almost all the Indian towns that I have visitted, by the whites, and particularly by the agents or men – That there can be no doubt of their being agents of a company of men in the town of Columbus Geo that are now petitioning the Government for a contract to remove the Indians at so much a head; this was very plainly to be seen at the late council of the chiefs held at this place by the manouvering of the different persons present, and by the secret manner in which they managed to enlist the many Interpreters in their favour that was on the ground; To avoid being detected in this underhanded opposition to emigration, they make all their communications thro a negroe Interpreter: in addition to the above there was a gentleman at this place, who arrived directly from Columbus on the second day of the council and stated positively that it was currently reported in Columbus that the aforesaid mentioned company had succeeded in making the contract with Government to remove the Indians at eighteen dollars p head; I was unable to find out what the report was until several of the chiefs came to me with an Interpreter to know whether it was a fact or not and if it was to let them know – they appeared to be very much excited, and stated that they had no idea of being hired out at eighteen dollars a head to be removed by a company of individuals. in addition to the above opposition that we have to contend with: there are a set of men in the nation that have a considerable influence over the Indians that are opposed to the emigration, who are telling the Indians every day not to remove yet; but to remain; as they have still time enough to remove in – if they should remain two or three years to come, that the Government would remove them as readily as she would at the present time – There is also a great number of whiskey

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Chiefs, in the nation, the owners of which are universally opposed to the to the Indians removing until they can get the last cent of money they have they also advise the Indians not to remove to the Country West of the Mississippi; that the Country is sickly and bad; and that they will all die directly; with such opposition in almost every part of the Nation it is difficult for the agents to meet with a great deal of success; but regardless of all opposition and all they can do, to oppose the emigration; this fall, I think, you will be enabled to get off from three to four thousand. I shall proceed to the lower part of the nation immediately as you directed and see all the chiefs that I possibly can, and join you at Shelton's on the 10th of August

I remain Your Obt Servt
Alex. W. Sommerville
Asst. Agent

Col. Jno. B. Morgan. Supdt. C. Tem.
Fort mitchell

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Sir

Creek Agency 24 Aug. 1835

Your several letters of the 18th 18th & 22nd ultimo reached me at this place last evening, finding a dull moment in the Creek nation created by the commencement of their great feast & the Green Corn Dance I availed myself of the occasion to ride over here to visit three of my children that are at school in this town & request the post master to forward me any official letters that may arrive within the week I shall return to Fort Mitchell by the Talladega route in a day or two I hope to receive your permission to visit your city to enable me to escort my wife & daughter to Alabama, I am sure I can leave the Creek nation without any detriment to the public service for that long at this particular season.

I am much gratified to find my efforts then met your approbation I am still more pleased to be able to state that I have anticipated you in the reduction of my assistants having laid up on the shelf nearly half of them from the 1st July and shall dismiss every one I can do without, It was never my intention to retain the full list but their temporary employment was absolutely necessary and soon as I could dispense with them without losing their influence I have done so. I am glad you have granted me the discretionary power over the number that should constitute a party, but I fear the reason for availing myself of the privilege, the Indians have commenced the Green Corn Dance & which at least they think of nothing else & this entire month will be consumed in frolicking & until the question of the 29 section is in settled, it appears I am fully justified in stating that he had first joined the Council called at Dudley it now appears at any the work of Capt. W. Walker who sent Tuskona to Fort Mitchell to stop Stocatlico and the lower Chiefs from going to Dudley & thereby break up the meeting and prevent the transfer of those lands his projects

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it seems was unsuccessful, I accordingly attended but could do nothing
as all the northern chiefs were absent by Mr Common who attended
then I received reports from my assistant which I require the Chiefs
to have copied & forwarded to you — I relative to Col Hunter I
have suspended him as soon as I could reach him and have ordered
him to repair to Fort Mitchell to await the decision of the Dep.
my reasons for so doing are as follows, I ordered him on a final visit to
repair to Tuckabatchee & meet me by the 1st May at that place and if I
did not reach there at the appointed time to ride among the towns &
cultivate the friendship of the Chiefs, I reached there on the evening of
the 2nd or 3rd of May. Col H not having made his appearance I left a
written order for him & then crossed over thro the centre of the Nation
to Fort Mitchell, On my return to Tuckabatchee about the 15 or 20
May my letter was still there, and I was then on my route thro the
entire Nation hoping to fall in with him in the upper end of the
Nation and took up my letter as it contained an order for him to repair
to Fort Mitchell which under the circumstances I should I must him,
on reaching Talladega I met a gentleman just from Tuscumbia
who had been conversing with Col Hunter & who informed me that
he had made arrangements with Col H to travel into the Nation
together; on my return from Jacksonville to Talladega I divided my
party sent Mr Cunningham & Mr Wilson back to Tuckabatchee
with a letter addressed to Col Hunter (thinking as a matter of course
he would obey his orders & repair directly to Tuckabatchee but
wishing him to be left for a moment without orders I directed him to
visit a small town east of that place & then repair forthwith according
to Fort Mitchell where he would find me: and I then returned thro the
eastern side of the Nation to Ft M. Mr Cunningham left the letter at
the only tavern (Mr Powell's) in Tuckabatchee as the most certain

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place for him to get the letter, In June I repaired to Fort Mitchell on the
grounds, thinking Col H if he ever intended to come would be there, until
then I had left all the Talladega district under the orders of Capt. Conduit
waiting for Col Hunter to take charge of them & make the monthly reports,
this not appearing I gave him up and called all the officers together and
gave each man his orders and assigned each his duty & post & then
permitted Mr Estell to the assistant agency, some time in July Col H
made his appearance in the Talladega district he immediately began to
give orders to others but paid no attention to my orders to repair to Tuckabatchee
and it now seems that you had also given him similar orders, nor
did he report his arrival, It appears from his letter that he visited
Grayson to stop that fellow's mouth, but this he was bound to do as many
of the report personally concerned the Col. and it was his interest & duty
to stop them upon as he pleased, he continued to remain in that country
untill he was shewn a letter from me in which I used this expression
viz. "that if the Col ever expected any pay he had better obey his original orders."
he then came to [illegible] a small town at the falls of Tallapoosa & from
Miles above the town of Tuckabatchee and from that place he made the
first written report I ever received from him. he says he goes to Dudley as
he says expecting to meet me there, & from that place he writes me he should
return to Tallassee and there await orders. whereas by obeying his orders he might
easily have found his orders: this letter was handed me at the Big
Nuckolls Branch on my way here, I had Mr Wilson with me for the purpose
of carrying orders to Major Blue & others there at Tuckabatchee &
by Mr Wilson I sent from the Cow Catspin to Col H informing him
I had reported him to the Dept & the might repair to Fort Mitchell
and await your decision. with that decision I shall be perfectly satisfied
the fact is Col H is a good natured good sort of a man
and his absence has been no loss to the service nor it may be to

Capt Page who informs me he lent him $100 last fall to enable him to get back from Arkansaw, I wish for your determination as well as to his conduct as to what pay he shall be allowed —

My letter of the 4th June was not intended as a request for an increase of pay for my assistants, but to notice the fact that the pay is inadequate to the loss of horses which are all subject to, in order that should those who loose horses choose to apply to Congress they may have my opinion on file to refer to, & if the Dept. will aid them, it will be but an act of simple justice; Mr Estes has since lost a horse. When my visit to Washington at this moment (particularly if I could reach them before the intercourse closed) would be productive of much good as I could personally give many explanations in relation to Court affairs that I should not like to do by letter, and could better understand the various views of the Dept. and the President on the subject of the Mounted Rifles — personally it would be a great accommodation to me, as my family does not wish to travel so far by land without my protection.

Have the honor to remain
Your ob. Svt
Geo. R. T. Hyde
Capt. Mounted Rifles

Hon Wm G. Crabb

This letter, principally written to Col. Hunter, referred to Genl. Morgan. Also submits the matter to the Secy:

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Ev. Rec'd 26th August

Washington City 24th Augt. 1835

Sir

Your letter of the 28th ultimo reached me at Shelby Station Talladega County on the 11th inst having directed several of my assistants to meet me there on that day for the purpose of preparing to open camps throughout the nation, it afforded me an opportunity to send word to each & all to meet me at Fc Mitchell on the 16th. when I drew up the orders for discharge & those who had not reached there when I left that post I left the Rafts in Capt. Page's hands to discharge them as soon as they came in. enclosed are the reports of such as reached me subsequent to my last report. by these reports you will

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be able to form some opinion of the feelings existing in the Creek nation in consequence of the change & the substitution of Contractors for Government agents. I regret to say that the change is obnoxious to the Indians & the white Inhabitants in the Creek nation do not hesitate to say & do all in their power to make it appear odious to the Indians; and incite them against the company some of whom have been heretofore engaged in speculating in Creek lands; and who are rather unpopular; one of the Company it is said has already sold out his interest for $5000 — and these things are bandied forth by the parties themselves & have given the Contract the appearance of a great speculation. The course I have pursued in the Creek nation

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~~Indeed~~ would lead to ultimate success if I had been left alone for two months more, I could have kept from three to five thousand Indians on the march, there cannot be the slightest doubt of this fact, whether I can be of any service in the government under the new arrangements must depend on the details of the plan. If after examining them I find I can be of service to the Gov.t I Indians I shall have no objection to continue; If on the other hand I find I cannot continue without a sacrifice of feeling I will at once I shall unhesitatingly hand in my Resignation.

I have the honor to remain your obt. Servt.

Thos B. Hoyt
Supt. Creek Removal

To Genl Geo. Gibson
Washington City

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Col Hunters
report.

Col. Jno. B. Hogan
Supt. Creek removal
Fort Mitchell Ala

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To Col. Jno. B. Hogan 826. Belleforte 12th August 1835

Sir,

Agreeable to your request I visited the council ground at Arselarnathy where Judge Tarrant was investigating the fraudulent transfer of land, and found a large party of indians and many chiefs and delivered your message to them. I told them that you were instructed to discharge the officers that had been engaged in the emigration and to assure the indians that the emigration was only suspended not stopped, and that it would be renewed with vigour this fall. that you had been instructed to say to them that no further annuity would be paid on this side of their new-country, and further, that unless they removed within the time limited by the treaty, that the U. States would not pay the expense of their removal; they answered that they were nearly ready to go. that they were willing to go. but that they had heard it said that a Georgia party had made a contract to to remove them and they wanted to know if that was true? I replied that I presumed it was, but that you had no official information on the subject, that you were going immediately to Washington to see the President and Secretary of war and would be able to tell them all directly on your return. they replied that they would never go with that Georgia company. that they believed that some of those very men, were

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among them who had stole their lands, that they were willing to go with the men you had sent among them; but they would die before they would move under men they had no confidence in, and who they be=lieved would abuse them. I told them you were to be retained to see that their rights were respected; but all I could say had no ef=fect on them; they were in a fury and sure they would never move under these Georgians.

I remain your Obt. Servt
Wm. G. Winter

We were present and heard Col. Hunter deliver your message and the above is in substance the exact reply and talk delivered and we will add that we have never seen so much excitement among those Indians as was manifested on the receipt of the news.

Harrison Young
S. Robins
M. Ragsdale

August 10th 1835

Major Jno. Phillips
Report.

John Ano B. Hogan
Superintendent
Creek Emigration
Fort Mitchell Ala

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E.P.

Black Stone 10 Aug^t

Sir

In compliance to your request I have again gone round my district and daily add new recruits to my list, the one handed you in my last and no doubt I will be able to make a convert of Emigration many hundreds have disposed of all their Effects and are very impatient to come in to Camp Belize I can not in fifteen or twenty days 1000 Courtaws & a fair prospect for several hundred Cusetaws I should be pleased to heare from you and all matters relateing to our affairs as we have heard a Report that the Indians are to be carried by contract which they are very anxious to hear particulars I am fearfull if that should be the case it will retard for some time a General Emigration which I am now satisfied will take place this fall if no change in our relations takes place

I am Sir, Your Obt Svt

John Phillips

To
Col. Jno B Hogan
Superintendent Creek
Emigration ala

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Marianna Ala

Colo Jno B. Hogan

Aug 7. 1835

Sir.

Since my communication at Columbus I have visited the different posts of the conducting agents, in my district and am happy to inform that the cause of Emigration is rapidly advancing we have enrolled four hundred & fifty three that is willing to go into camps by the 15th of Sept next — Conchatta Town Chockolocko Chearhaw & Hillabees towns their chiefs are willing to emigrate and the most influential have enrolled for the fall emigration which I have no doubt will induce the ballance remaining to remove early next Spring. and I have no doubt that my former anticipations of raising two thousand in my district will be and then realized, unless some cause that I am not at present aware of, that may throw a fell interest in the way. we have had a current report in circulation that the Indian is to be removed by contract by the Georgia Company which has caused much excitement among them and unanimously protest against such a mode of carrying them off & avow many settlers are afraid if such is the fact

that they will contain permanent neighbours which is our greatest desire to get rid of

I have the honour to be your Obt Servt

Isaac Estill
Assistant Agent
Creek Emigration

Col Jno B. Hogan
Supr Creek Emigration

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Chs. Rotoroo Augt. 6th. 1835

Mr. John O'Hogan

Sir,

I should have written to you sooner, but expecting to see you at the Falls, I therefore deferred your request until to inform you, that I attended the prospective meeting for incorporating, we have been several Ball Plays, and Green Corn dances in this location, which has created a great deal of confusion but I find a great number willing to join. I think upon the whole that little more can be done until they are called, cite Gambier. I would like to hear from you, and the news from the quarters, please write to me on receipt of this. In my next I shall give you a full return of the proceedings.

Very respectfully

Chas. Connor

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Randolph Alabama
5th August 1835

Sir

Agreeable to instructions from Mr Eatill I proceeded to the different Indian towns in Randolph Coosa and Tallapoosa counties and find that the Indians are anxious to Remoove to their new country west of the Mississippi as soon as they can dispose of their lands but the Listlaying office being closed at present prevents a great many from comeing forward and enrolling their names for Emigration I have since I left the Council at Dudleys on the fifth of August enrolled twenty seven persons but owing to some unaccountable rates that is constantly circulated amongst the Indians by designing persons present a great many from Comeing forward to enrole themselves for emigration they are still holding back until something decisive is done so that they can come immediately in to camp

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what the Conclusion will be amongst the Indians as Regards their Removal, since the Report has been circulated amongst them — that they are to be Removed by a — company of men from Columbus Geo. at twenty dollars per head = I no doubt — but in many places that I have visited it has created a great deal of excitement and the Indians appear to be very much opposed to any such arraingement on the part of the Government —

I remain Respectfully your obt Servt —

To —
Col. John B. Hogan
Sup. Sht Creek
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Fort Mitchell

Moulder — Ragsdale
Asst. — Conductor

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Col Jno B. Hogan
Sir

Kiliga Talapoosa County Ala
August 3. 1835

after the Encampment broke up at Dudleys I returned to my district which is composed of six towns, and it is with much pleasure I can inform you that our cause is favourably progressing, and without some change of the present prospects, I think you can calculate on a large Emigration from this Quarter, the Creeks. I cannot exactly name, as I did not enroll them, but feel satisfied in saying five hundred, and prospect at present a much greater number, it is with much cause. I have also discovered that our party is becoming popular with the Indians and all speak favourable of the Course, which have adopted towards them, which I hope may result favourably in our object, I believe it will require now but little time to effect a general removal, and feel very anxious for an early Encampment, there is a great number now ready, and very anxious to come into camp, which will induce many no doubt to follow their example, and not knowing how to act, I feel anxious to learn your wishes on the subject. there is a report here in circulation which was stated by Col Hunter he believe to be the fact, that is they are to be carried off by the georgia company, if such is the case I believe

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there will be a very small number, that will consent to go with them, indeed if any, ~~[illegible]~~ I hope for the interest of the government, and the wishes of the people, it may not be the case, we have all concluded that it is impossible for us to remain long as a tribe independent as neighbours, and nearly all of both parties now agree, and should the government adopt such a course, no one can say how long we will have them amongst us, their appears but one opinion throughout my entire district, which will be strongly opposed by every one in opposition, to the plan as has been named. I have much more to name, but will shortly I hope see you

I have the honour to be
your obt Servt
Harrison Young

Col Geo D. Morgan
Supt Indian
Trade Compination
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Council ground July 22d 1836

Sir one day after my last letter to you I ascertained the council would be held at this place having received no instructions from you since my arrival in the nation I attended this council for the purpose of seeing you and as I have learned that you will not be here I shall return to Tuckabacheek and await your orders as my last orders from the Department was to remain at that place untill I recd orders from you which will be strictly attended to by your humble servant

Col John B Thogan
Conductor of Creek Emigration

J H Hunter

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Coosa County Alabama
August the 15. 1835

Sir

agreeable to your instruction I have been opperating diligently among the several towns allotted me, and have made but little progress in Enrolling, having Enrolled but 13 up to first of this month. Since that time I have made somewhat better progress, and I believe at present the prospects to be fair, should nothing interfere with my present arrangements, many of the towns I am flattered with a belief will make considerable emigration for this fall Big Fish Pond Hickory Grd ~~and~~ Weoka and Opalonida, we have all heard a report of some change in the plan of Emigration, and feel anxious to hear particulars if such is the case as represented, I am very fearfull Emigration will receive a serious check as they are very much dissatisfied with the plan as reported Col. R. B. Hogan. S. C. Emigration

I have the Honor to
Solomon Rodgers

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Black Stone Chambers City 4 August

Dear

I have since the last time I wrote you been with the Cuselaws and Cowetaws the Cowetaws are firm no Alleration since my last. I was yesterday at a Ball Play where I saw James Isleands and Kotcher Tustanuga they are making Every preperation for an early start I have appointed the first day of sept. though I think it [redacted]st to strike camp by the 15th at least as there is a Number of them wishes encampment, the Cusseltaws I find but little alteration yet though I think the prospect Good for a part and likely the hole the ola chief Tuckabatcha has spo. Talks very pleasant but does not agree to go yet at the same time does not object to his peoples Going if any thing new you will please Inform me

Saw for you otes &c.

Colo John B. Hogan
Special agent

Jno. Phipps

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(Copy)

Mobile april 18th 1835

To
Col. Wm. Hunter
Assistant Agent Tuscumbia Ala.

Sir.

Having received the appoint=ment of Special agent for the removal of the Creek Indians, my instructions state, I am to consider you as in service and to order you to join me when I may require your aid, but did not inform me where I could address you: Capt. Page reached this City last evening and informs me, your place of residence is in Tuscumbia and I avail myself of this information to forward you an order to repair forthwith to Tuckabatchia Town Creek Station and report to me for duty, as I shall immediately require the aid and assistance of every Gentleman attached to the emi=gration: Maj: Blue and Mr. Sommerville will be with us as assis=tants, and any other aid we may want. I shall appoint from persons residing in the Nation, and acquainted with the Indians: You will find me at Tuckabatchia between the 1st and 5th of May: (if not there on your arrival:) You will ride among the Indians, urgeing them to emigrate & make that place your head quarters until I join you.

I have the honour to remain
Your Obt. Servt
Jno. B. Hogan
Special Agt

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Colo John B. Hogan Esq.

Fort Hull Augt 6th 1838

Dear Sir

I received your letter by Mr Wilson at Tuckabatcha, I did not think it necessary to keep Mr Wilson as I knew there could be nothing done with the Indians during the Land Investigation and the green corn dance which was going on at the same time. I waited until after Opothleyahola had got through his black drink, or physick as they call it, during that operation they dont talk on business or shake hands with any person for fear of spoiling the charm: on Saturday Morning he got so far through as to give me a small hearing. (The dance lasted until Monday & he was in a hurry) he says he has never written to the Government any thing about the Emigration or the Agents, that he never had any quarrel with any of them nor is he dissatisfied with them; that he had heard something of this company proposing to carry off the Indians by contract which he considered as intended for a speculation and should oppose it, that he was in favour of the Indians Emigrateing as fast as they could dispose of their lands, but, he was opposed to their being taken by any set of men except the Government Agents. I asked him if he would give this talk to the Indians, he said he had done so, that it was his talk and he would give it.

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again he said the Tuckabatcha Town considered themselves a little
above the other Towns and when they was ready they could
move themselves (meaning as Debois explained it, himself and a
few of the principal chiefs) that he knew the Indians could
not stay here and the sooner they got away the better, that
Tuskena was operateing very much against the Emigration by
his Calling, and he was choosing Tuskena with all his might,
for I know if the Indians stood alone they would
be a poor miserable people- Debois says when the land claims
are all settled they will almost all go- Debois thinks it would
be well perhaps for you to return through Tuckabatcha and
give the Chiefs a small talk, encourage Opothlakola a
a little, he thinks it will please him and have a good effect.
I am inclined to think Mr Sumerville is mistaken as to the object
of Debois Negro going among the Indians- I am informed that
Tuskena sent a talk to the Ulfawlis advising them not to
Emigrate and inviteing them to come join in his Calling,
this Opothlakola told me; & Debois said they had been and still
was using all their influence to counteract that talk, this
I believe was the object of Debois Negro. and I also believe that
Debois & Opothlakola are both now in favour of Emigration
as soon as they can get those land claims settled- as an evidence
of this belief the Marshal in orator of the day at the com-

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=nouncement of the green corn dance exported them to keep themselves sober and not disgrace themselves that there was a great many white people to look at them and as it was the last dance of the kind they would ever have on that ground he advis=ed them to leave the place with honor, and on Monday at the close of the dance he repeated the same to them —

Very respt. yr.
your friend &
Obt. Servt.
U. Blue

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) JOHN B.HOGAN,SUPT. (DENIES HE IS A DEFAULTER,ETC. ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT OF SUPT OF REMOVALS. HAS NOMINATED MAJ.BLUE AS ASST.NEEDS A CLERK. INDIANS TALK OF GOING TO TEXAS.WISHES COL.HUNTER FOR ASST.ETC)

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Recd. March 25th

Mobile 10th March 1835

To General Jno Gibson

Sir

I have just taken from the the post office the enclosed letters at the this is three days difference in their postmark their arrival here together is I presume owing to the irregularity of the mails at this season of the year; you can better imagine my surprise than I can describe it upon the reception of those letters, last year I was tendered this your office the appointment of a assistant agent and my accounts was no objection, now it has been argued on that I should receive the appointm. of special agent when my accounts are an objection and I am to be viewed as a defaulter now sir, the facts are in the true meaning & sense of the term I have never been a defaulter, I was compelled to retain money in my hands to protect myself & security against the unjust conduct of Mr Jno C. Calhoun white Secretary of war, who refused to credit me for the monies paid to the Tennessee Burgess of mounted Gunmen for their allowance of clothing, after an immense deal of expence & trouble I obtained two special acts of congress for my relief, I then settled my accounts under an

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arrangement with the agent of the Treasury department & the United States district attorney. I gave them up notes & Mortgages to the full amount of the claim against me all has been collected but two notes viz Benjamin Vincent & Geo Davis. both notes are secured by Mortgages on real estate in this city worth at least $15000 & all that is due the US does not exceed $3000. the parties have been repeated by indulged on asking further time. the Dis Att. knows the debt to be well secured & perfectly good. Has had no hesitation in asking the further indulgence for them. Now the question arises whether I am to be considered as a defaulter untill the moneys these persons owe is paid into the Treasury? I should think not for morally & legally I owe the U.S. not one cent. but if I am still to be so considered I must have the controul of these Mortgages they are foreclosed & the daily repeatedly advertised & postponed but I think upon a review of this matter it will be found that I ought not to be viewed in that light. the appointment I

understand

is not one which requires to be sanctioned by the Senate & is one that has no control over the public Funds as a disbursing officer if it may seem that would involve me with the payment of money further than the necessary orders to the disbursing officers, I should not have any thing to do with the appointment. My present object is to justify myself before the department on this subject. I care very little about the office altho I did last year, but I feel as if I have been badly treated by some body, but who it is (unless Cady) I cannot find out. but thank god my circumstances have materially changed since January & I now find myself in the possession of a handsome fortune which places me beyond any contingency this has been effected by the decision of the supreme Court in my favor of a large property in this city which I have had in suit since 1823. The corr the property interest & rents; the rents alone will amount to near $10.000: and I have been offered for the property 30.000$: if I am to be considered responsible for the balance of the debt of Vincent & Davis, I can at any time by having 60 days notice pay up every dollar claimed on that score

May I be at liberty to exhibit this letter to the President or Secretary of war if you think proper, but please return the Gov Murphy letters which are enclosed, for they contain the only information I possess on the subject of my name having been again presented for this agency.

I have the honor to remain respectfully
Your Humble Servt. Geo. B. Hogan

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P.S. If it would not put you to too much trouble I should be glad to know the wishes of the Government on this subject and if it is the wish of the president that I should pay off this money for those persons I shall do so, altho the opinion in question is a matter of monshine to me, as I feel well assured I shall confer a greater favour on the Government by performing the duties than they will by conferring the office on me; you must recollect I have been too long an officer in the Northern army to forget what it is to command large bodies of troops or men. and the duties of this appt. would be just in my hand. I feel undauntedly that it will be more from pride of character than any emolument attached to the office.

Yours &c. &c.

Jno. B. Beeson

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Chief Clerk 1st Division
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The letter of the Hon: Mr Murphy enclosed have been returned to Col Morgan

Creek 66. 24.

John B. Morgan
Mobile, 28th March 1835
accepts the appointment
of Dep. Creek Ecn.
Nominates Maj Blue as
ass.t — asks to have a Clerk.

Recd 13 Apl.

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Referred 13th apl. I. C.

To the Hon. Lewis Cass.

Mobile 28th March 1835

Sir

your letter of the 11th inst enclosed to the Dist attorney Jno. Elliott Esq. has been shewn me by that gentleman wherein you state I am appointed emigrating agent for the removal of the creek Indians -

As no specific instructions have reached me, it will not be expected that I should reply to them or that I should depart from this place untill I receive them. The appointment I accept and the small balance I owe the United States shall be paid within the creek. my letter to General Gibson the contents of which you could not have been apprized, at the date of your will satisfy you that the amount claimed of me is of no importance and will within the time be satisfactorily settled -

In the performance of this duty I shall be governed by a desire to satisfy the department, as well in the manner of the performance of the duties of office me as also in the economy of the expenditures necessary to carry this business thro as speedily as possible -

In order to do this I must be in a quiet manner permitted to have an entire controul over my assistants of every description by their selection or removal, for to enable me to carry this business successfully thro.

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I must be aided by persons in whom I can confide and whose integrity I can undoubted, I shall at present name but one gentleman Major Uriah Blue an old highly valued officer of the late war and well acquainted with Indians & Indian affairs having commanded the Choctaws during the last war. The appointment I wish to confer on Major Blue is that of the assistant. I hope the Department will confirm my selection -

In the instructions forwarded I hope they will be explicit as I wish nothing left to implication, and that your views will be made known to me in a clear & definite manner as I wish to exercise no powers that are not fully conferred on me so that in future no misunderstanding may arise or any subsequent arrangements I may be compelled to adopt

I have the honor to remain
your Obt Servt
Jno. B. Hogan

P.S. will I be authorized to employ a clerk to take charge of the correspondence, returns &c &c. as I must have some one to assist me in this part of the duty. If clerks are not allowed under what character can I employ a person

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John B Hogan

Mobile 31st March 1835

Proposes to have persons living in the Creek Nation to assist in inducing the Indians to enroll - Harrison is at Mission Blue to see after his interests & hopes his claim may be confirmed

The Indians talk of going to Texas &c

Genl Gibson

Commissary Genl Subsistence

Indian Department

Washington City

Recd 15 April

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Recd. April 15th

Mobile 31 March. 1835

Sir

Having received and accepted the appointment of Emigrating agent for the Creek Nation, it is my desire to enter on the duties of said office with zeal and also understandingly from the book of regulations I have gleaned much information but I find there are much left to the sound discretion of the agent, and as I wish to exercise no power that are of a doubtful character I must fall at your office for explanations and may often appear troublesome or too troublesome, but I hope you will make all allowances when you understand my object is to avoid difficulties & at the same time give satisfaction to the Department. The first object is the removal of those Indians to commence this work we must first induce them to move and as a stranger to them it cannot be expected I can do this unless I am aided by persons residing among them & whose influence over them, this influence may be used against their removal; from what I have heard of the various speculations practised on the Indians by speculators that are roaming among them I may calculate to meet their opposition unless I can counteract it in some way. this I propose to do (if authorized) &c

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by hiring certain men residing among the indians who speak their language as strikers to ride among them & urge them to enroll & ferret out the machinations of those evil disposed persons who may be opposed to the removal, I believe the regulations would justify me in hiring for a limited time such persons but as this will be term exempt to receive your views fully on the subject before any thing can be done I am induced to address you now. Major Moses Blue an old officer of the army I have named to the Hon Secy of War as my assistant and hope my choice will be confirmed I would prefer him to any man I am acquainted with, with Major Hunter I formed some acquaintance at Tuscaloosa and believe with these two gentlemen I can do very well by having the other assistants of capable men. I shall require the aid of some one to act as clerk to aid me in the dispatch ment. The regulations make no provision for one, will I be allowed the privilege of using an assistant Waggon Master as Clerk? - By the regulations the mode & route of removal is left to the agent. If the Indians could be induced to go down in steam boats from Wetumpka on the Alabama river, at this season I could obtain boats on very low terms & would greatly facilitate their removal, but in



a communication

with Major Dr. to held last fall. he informed me the Indian could not be induced to return that way - this may be a mistake as an exploring party has just returned from red river whither they went & returned in steam boats, I learned yesterday from a state Member of our legislature who resides in that country, that the natives were to hold a council on Monday last to hear the report of the exploring party & it was this gentleman's opinion they would not go to arkansas but would be willing to emigrate to the country bordering on Texas. should such be the case, what course will the government adopt? should they be sent to the red river steam boat will be the cheapest & best plan of removal, a boat can leave Natchitoches in five days before New orleans & in four or five more land them near their place of destination, the navigation between Natchitoches & New orleans has become a matter of a days run, and all sorts of steam boats now run between the two places daily, and as all the cotton is now nearly in; boats could be chartered on very low terms to your view on this subject is also requested.

I shall remain here untill I receive my orders & instructions, this will allow me time enough to arrange my domestic affairs, which is necessary before I leave home. Should you address me at any place in the nation; send me a duplicate here. I have the honor to remain

your obt Servt
Jno B Hogan
C. Agt.

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~~Emig~~ Maj. Creek

John B Hogan
Mobile 3d April 1835

Has rec.d his instructions.
Has been informed the Indians have determined to go to Texas. Speaks of the machinations of the opposers of Emigration.
Needs many assistants to aid in counteracting these wishes Col. Hunter to be directed to report to him immediately. — Must have a clerk — sends a copy of his instructions to Maj Blue
in closure

Rec.d 20th Apl.

To Major Moses Blue

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Tuckabachee on or before the first persons wishing you a pleasant Journey.

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt. Servt.
Jas. B. Hogan
Special agent for
removing Creek Indians



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Recd. 20th April

To Genl. George Gibson

Mobile 3d April 1835

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th ultimo, containing the instructions necessary for my government in the discharge of the duties now assigned me by this appointment. Mr Elliot the Dis attorney will apprize the department that I have taken up the mortgage of Vincent Blair & paid him in cash the sum of Six thousand Eight hundred & Seventy Eight Dollars & Seventy eight cents, being principal and interest in his settlement I believe & have paid an excess of Interest, which I shall hereafter secure to myself the right of claiming & if I am correct shall claim a return of from the U. S.

In consequence of my accepting this appointment my domestic affairs will require a remodeling & it will be impossible for me to leave here for a week or two, the importance of bring in the Nation I am well aware of and will apprize you that I shall proceed there with as little delay as possible in the meantime, I will direct Major Blue (who is now ready) to proceed there forthwith, & ride among the towns & form acquaintance with the chief men of each town, (a memorandum of the same I have obtained) and counteract the Machination & bad counsels of those men who are throwing every obstacle in the way of emigration I learn from Doctor Weir, a late member of our legislature

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and the gentleman of whom I referred in my letter of the 31 ult. that the Indians have held a council & have resolved not to Emigrate to Arkansaw but to Texas, and that a deputation will be sent on to Washington immediately to treat with the Department on this subject & also to make offers of selling out their Annuity for a Commutation of pay. These movements are evidently the work of those abominable men who are daily in the habit of plundering them of their land & their of their money: the stories that have been related to me of the tricks of those people exceed any thing I have ever heard. I am told they will give an Indian ten dollars to personate another Indian who possesses a valuable piece of land, they carry him before the agent, who opens his book finds an Indian of the same name entitled to a piece of land & the agent asks if he is the man, the reply is ~~[illegible]~~ in the affirmative are you willing to sell to this man - yes - what are you to get 400 $. - the money is laid down & the agent hands it to the Indian who returns ~~other~~ out side of the door receives back the money all but ten dollars = & if they cannot get it in any other way they take the indian into another house & there cheat him untill he gives it up: perhaps the very next day the poor Indian comes with another person to sell his land & he is found on the books to have allready sold it, the agent does not know him, but tells him to bring proof that he was not there before, the proof must be white proof. they go to the man who has obtained the land & he pretends he does not know the Indian from

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another and agents he brought from Canada who called himself that name &c - and thus the poor devils are robbed without a chance of redress; as long as their money lasts or they have land to sell it is the interest of such men to detain the Indians when they can plunder them with impunity, to counteract the influence of these men I must have numerous men thro the nation each & all urging them to emigrate, their minds must be brought to believe it is their duty to their children & their interests to go. and that opinion must be kept up by having my agents near with them all the time urging them on need. Should I be restricted to a few assistants, the moment my agent left an town, these men would occupy their places & persuaded the Indians not to move, that the Ind were driving them off & were no friends to the Indians, but that they were their best friends & by a few barrels of whiskey defeat all my efforts. Doctor Weir says these men govern the Nation & can make them go or stay. who those these important men are he refuses to tell, and I believe ~~[illegible]~~ I shall have to contend with much secret opposition; overcome it I will, if it is in the power of <u>one man</u> to do so; the mere marching the Indians from the nation is a small affair in comparison to the collection & enrollment and the necessity of having sufficient help to effect this object must be shown to the Department, in procuring this help you may rely on my exercising a sound discretion as to economy & the selection of proper persons, but it certainly cannot be considered economy to prolong the removal of these people and the want of help might force one to do so, or give up the efforts. I am

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upon the government I do not accept this appointment with a view of having a life estate in it, and the power to change then the duty the letter for the Endeavour & the government.

I shall require the services of Col Hunter immediately and if I knew his address would direct him to report to me at Tuckahoe town by the 1 previous; and must request you will direct him to report to me as soon as possible. I think it probable Captain Page may reach here before I leave this city should he not - I shall leave a letter for him, in your instructions you say nothing about preserving blank forms of returns of every description, to be uniform, they should be printed, and it would save a great deal of time & trouble to have them done here, where there are several job offices, in your circular under the head of Contingencies I see you embrace clerks but give no compensation. If I employ one or two I must do, to copy, I will make him a conductor or assistant conductor, unless you prohibit it; but to keep up my correspondence regularly with the Department upon matter orders to each person employed and retain copies of all letters I must have an active person near to aid me; I shall however be governed by your instructions on this & every other matter in relation to this subject and what industry, perseverance, & vigour can effect, you may rely on me that nothing shall be left undone to accomplish the object of the government in this case; enclosed you have a copy of my instructions to Major Blue

I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt
Jno B. Hogan
Special agent

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(Copy)

Mobile April 3rd 1835

To Major Uriah Blue

Sir,

The honorable the Secretary of war having confered on me the appointment of special agt for the removal of the creek Indians to the west of the Mississippi river. and by the 4th section of the second article of the printed regulations a copy of which I herewith hand you. you will see I am authorised to employ assistants, and submit their names to the War Dept. for approval or Disapproval: in reporting my acceptance of the appointment now confered on me I submitted your name to the Department as an assistant agent and have requested that my appointment of you, may be confirmed: on yesterday I had the honor to receive from Genl. Gibson my instructions which require me to be in the nation about the 1st proximo but from private information I received on yesterday it appears to me all important to have an agent there immediately to appise the Indians of my appointment and the firm determination of the Government to use every means in their power to effect their removal from a Country no longer their own & to one better suited to their habits where they can be happy & free from the Snares of bad men

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If you accept the appointment of assistant Agent now tendered you, I wish you to repair forthwith to the creek nation & fix your head quarters at Tuckabachi town, which I am informed is the largest & make yourself known to the chief men of the Nation and cultivate their friendship and confidence & continue to range among the towns, forming acquaintances and diffuse a spirit of emigration among the chiefs & Indians until my arrival; when you leave Tuckabachia leave a written direction for me sealed up as to your route and everything matter that will be proper for me to know. It may be proper for me to apprise you that our first object is to obtain all and every kind of information, (making ale due allowance for the source from whence it is received.) that may enable me to counteract the pernicious influence of those land Jobbers that are in the country & who are opposed to the emigration should Col. Wm. Hunter be in the Nation you will confer with him on the best plan of operations and also his knowledge of Interpreters will be of great service to you in pursuing the duties of one which you are authorized to do. your compensation is fixed by the printed regulations and I can have no doubt but the Department will confirm my appointment, you may expect me at

Emig. v. Creeks

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John. B. Hogan
dated 6 April 35

Mentions the particulars
of a conversation which
he held with some
Creek Chiefs. They are
averse to going to Arkan
saw but would go to
Texas –
Wishes his letters to be
sent to Montgomery
& asks for a copy
of the late Creek
Treaty.

Rec.d 23.d April

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let the cards gather; that as far as war with the Spanish people they had no fear of that; they liked the country better than the Arkansas and his people could make better terms for that country & would keep it that if they wanted West it would not be long before the White people would again force them off &c, from all the conversation I had with these men, I am led to believe they will be the most obstinate & difficult to manage & I believe they are under the influence of a Company of speculators who has found them money to make their suits. I learned they came with these about 30,000$ to obtain and it is supposed they are to close a contract for some of these large grants that have been made by the Mexican government in Texas. as yet I cannot get the exact state of the case, I did not like the movements of a certain person who stepped on board the boat just as they were putting off. If my business would bear a matter of it, I would go on & find out their plans for I am convinced that a plot is on foot to defeat the views of the Government; Opothleboho said he hoped I would not rush on the Indians when I went up to force them off. I told him no. that I would be very kind to them & do all in my power to serve them, that I was convinced they had been badly treated by these land robbers, & that my duty to avoid similar ones forbidding my to remain at Fort Wood. with Mr. Dutrow I had much conversation, he was an old acquaintance of Major Bliss & knew me while I acted as paymaster at Fort Montgomery Dutrow said the chiefs were very anxious to obtain an invitation to go to Washington city to close up all their old matters & an explanation about their emigration, he said the speculators had set up the Common Indians against the Chiefs & got them in such a situation that they

could not confront them; I must an effort to employ Dunbar when he returned as a stricker. he has acted in that capacity before & manned a large party three years ago I enquired what his compensation was at that time, he informed me he had obtained $8 per day, he said he would see when he returned whether it would suit him to engage or not. his evidently improper conduct influenced with the Indians I must have his services as a stricker, he has resided a number of years among them & manned to me of their women, & Major Phelps has started for the Natchez & Arkansas country shortly.

Your communications to me had best be sent to the town of Christ Gomery where I can always have them sent to my safe hand, for if they are sent to this place post office I may not get them upon as if they were sent to that office. In this communication you will perceive I state what has occurred here, but give no opinion as to what would be best to do, nor can I make up the opinion until I visit the nation & have a talk with each town separately & if I find them adverse to going to Memphis I will apprize you & endeavour to prevent any general council from meeting, until I can have made partizans enough to oppose the Texas scheme; should have the government agree to send them up the Red river it has only to say so & I will get all off that is willing to go, if these Texas towns chiefs are determined to go, then would it not be policy to get them off upon as speedy a plan to get clear of them

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the balance of the Indians may be induced to go to Arkansas if Opothlehola & those big men are not of their way? I have been unable to procure a copy of the late treaty with the Creeks if you can furnish me with a copy I think I shall want it as I must be in possession of a knowledge of that instrument to enable me to understand the subject properly.

I have the honor to remain

Your Obt Svt.

Jno B. Hogan

Special Agent.

To General George Gibson

Commissary Genl. of Subs.

Washington City

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Rec'd 23 April

Mobile 8th April 1835

Sir

Three of the head men of the Creek nation Neg Opothleyo-lo, Jim Boy, and Harry Barnet accompanied by a white man a Mr. Hutson (a native of Albany N.Y.) reached here yesterday and left this city this morning in the New Orleans steam boat. Opothleyo-lo is said to be the most influential chief in the nation altho not the highest in rank, upon as I learned they were here I sought an interview with them and held a long talk to ascertain if possible their views & object in again visiting the south; the object of their visit to New Orleans I could not learn from any of them I stated to them that I was appointed special agent to remove them to their new homes, a country where they would be free & unmolested by the white men, that the Government had made ample provision for their comfort with removal and that it was their interest & the interest of their wives & children to go, that in fact their very existence was depended on getting away from a country that was no longer their own & over which they could exercise no jurisdiction, that their great father the Pres.t had sent all the new Rifles & Blankets for their use to meet them on landing in their new homes. that those who had gone there had done well & was making plenty of corn & had plenty of hogs & cattle and it should be my duty & would be a great pleasure to me to aid & assist them & their families to remove in as comfortable a manner as possible & that every kindness & attention should be paid them. that I had often heard of the great warrior Opothleyo-lo & was desirous to be his friend & serve him if he

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if he would permit me, &c. When I had finished Opothleyhola said he knew the President good fashion well. that he [the Pres.t] had told him before that the Indians must remove, but that he did not like the Arkansaw country that their former Lands were all dried then that the Nation had just held a talk I would not go to Arkansaw. that they were willing to remove to Texas, that if the United States intended to force his people away to Arkansaw they might do so but they must cut his throat before they could remove his body. there he said his people had been robbed of their land, that while he was on a visit to Texas they had stolen most of his people's land that he hoped I would write to Washington & tell the President of it as he thought it ought to be inquired into. he spoke with great feeling & energy, after he had concluded I told him I would write to Washington & repeat what he said, but altho I knew the President would do all in his power to preserve his people & make them happy yet a great difficulty might arise to prevent the Government from removing them to Texas, that Texas was a foreign state & that the United States had no jurisdiction over that country and perhaps no right to send our Indians into a foreign territory, that if the US. should do so. it might be the means of giving offence to the Mexican Government & if the Spanish people should make war on them the U. S. could not protect them & they might all be killed up without a chance of help from this government. he replied and said the US. had sent a portion of the Seminoles & Shawnees into Texas & he could not see why they could not

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Key 20. 1835.

Col. L. B. Hogan,
Supt. Creek Reg.
Fort Mitchell Ala.

Sir, Accompanying this are blank requisitions for ~~forage~~ provisions, memorandums, and Muster Rolls. Please acknowledge the reception of them

G. I.

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Quarterly Return — Fort Mitchell June 30th 1835.
of the Name, Station and employment of the Native persons in formerly
ating the Creek Indians residing this day 30th June 1835.
Jno. B. Hogan Superintendent 28th March 1835.
Uriah Blue Senior Asst Agent 8 April 1835 stationed in Macon County Ft. Hull
Alex. H. Sommerville do do 1st May 1835. Fort Mitchell
Wm Hunter Asst Agent never joined, & dropped for the present.
Jas Cunningham Asst Conductor 1st May. at Fort Mitchell
Jas Lemard Asst Conductor 1st May do
Edw Rayster Asst Con. 7th May Tal a dega dis missed 23 May —
Jno Phipps Asst Con. 7th May Chambers County.
Jno Simms Conductor 16th May stationed 10 miles below Pell. f
Phillip Page Asst Con. 24 May Coosa County Mad sick with Wm —
Joseph Sharp Asst Con. 21 May Hatchigah Town — Conditional —
Benj. Young Asst Con. 21. May Talla poosa River — do —
Harrison Young asst Con. 21. May. Chat tot hoof Har — do —
L. J. Nelson Asst Con. 25 May Fort Mitchell
Isaac Estell Asst Con. 26 May Talladega ~~from the time Mr Jones took charge~~
and gave him charge of the Country of Talladega Benton Coosa he in place
of Col Hunter never joined —
David Conner Asst Con. 26 May Conditional
Uriah Blue Jr. Asst Con. 1 May Fort Hull Macon County
Sol Robbins — Smith, McGreen, McCartt & Rich Turvin employed
by Major Blue in the lower end of Macon & Barbour Counties. temporary the
correct list of dates I have not rec. but shall in a few days —
Joshua. My interpreter dates 6th May — Major Estell, Mr Page & Major
Phipps has each an interpreter. & I have appointed Mr Ragsdale Assist

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and steps of handling off. Crackers or the same. Rays dark and red but you with Cotton. Rays this month stations should be and language of the upper line of the authorities as to Chemistry =

Respectfully
Jno. B. Hogan
Capt. C. S. Artillery

Col: Jno B Hogan's
Quarterly Statement
of Ordnance.
to end of 2nd Qr. 1835
Circles

Rec. 15th July

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) JOHN B.HOGAN, SUPT.EMIGR. (THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HIS DUTY TO REMOVE ALL PARTIES. BLUE & LINNARD TO ENROLL & MUSTER INDIANS. REL TO PAYT OF ANNUITIES)

Ewing [136] Creeks

Copy all this Mark Rec

Col: Jno B. Hogan No 2

Mobile 19th Decr 183

Supposes Dept. informed of

Reml. of Sll Creeks &c. —

Says when Appointment of

Supt. was accepted by him ex-

pected 'twould be his duty to

control the removal of all parties

States the cause of his ab-

sence from Creek Nation — and of

his having left Maj. Blue & Lt.

Leonard to Muster & enroll the

Inds. &c

Receipt letters of 13th & 24th

nov: & 4 December.

Relates to his interview and

agreement made with the Inds.

respecting it. — Suggest that auth-

ity be given, if not complied with to

withhold it, &c. — Also Relates to

Capt. Hitchcock's application

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Sir Rec'd Jany

Mobile 29 Dec. 1835

I presume you have been apprized that a party of 500 Creek Indians have started for their new country under charge of the contractors accompanied by Lt Deas & Dr Randall. When I accepted the appointment of Supt. of the Creek Removal I had every reason to suppose that I should controul the movement, of all parties sent West and that by the 1 Nov. the emigration for the year would as it should then cease, under this expectation I had arranged all my private affairs to admit of my absence until that period, as I have been for many years engaged in business in this city it followed as a matter of course that I had much to do in the circuit courts that set in this city, and all my calculations were that my presence would not be necessary in the Creek nation during the session of these courts; the change made by the contract implied that I should remain in the Creek nation during the proper season for emigration which certainly was not after the 1 Oct; but I remained there until the beginning of Nov. and but for the new duties assigned me by the president of investigating the frauds I could with perfect propriety have remained here until March. The with drawal of Genl Crawford & the determination of Dr Crowell and the other Contractors to send a party no matter of what

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induced me to leave Major Blue & Mr Lum and to attend to the mustering & enrolling of such party as could be paraded for the occasion, I then came on to this place to attend the circuit court immediately after my reaching this place I received a letter from Major Blue announcing the fact that all the party would go & had began to assemble by his orders in the circuit court being at an end I left here for Tuskaloosa expecting to intercept them at that place after reaching there and waiting such, I then at last hastily to meet them, keeping the road they had travelled last year, after riding about fifty miles I fell in with a party of 20 led by Grayson they were all mounted, & well armed; from these Indians I learned that Ingersoll had gone up the Coosa River to and the Tennessee river, and was then about a head of me; on my arrival at Tuskaloosa I received a letter from Major Blue informing me that he should report to you as directed by me, & that I might be a perfect that every thing that was required should be strictly performed by him, with this assurance I felt easy, & as the party had not as yet I determined the pursuit returned to Mobile to attend the this Court, and in passing in this Court I had a case involving several thousand dollars the presence was absolutely necessary, being sued by a merchant of New Orleans on an unaccepted Bill of Exchange passed in the year 1828 the defence by me was sustained, the jury again made a mistrial after having been in the box until 12 O'clock at night all the business which called me here is now at an end & I shall return to the nation

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to finish the investigation of the fraud. / your letters of the 13th & 24th ult & 4 inst are at hand, your views in relation to the payment of the Annuity are correct, I am aware that I asked for permission to say to the Chiefs that no more annuity should be paid & was highly gratified that I was authorized to say so, it was one of the means I desired to force these people to terms, in my interview with Ofotheloko I gave him no hope of success, all I promised him was to write them what influence I could to procure them the annuity, but I told them I had no hope of fearing the President would not yield to their wishes, but that if I succeeded they must be a quid pro quo. If I procure them another annuity they must go when I give out the Broken days to come into Camp; This bargain has been made & unless it is strictly complied with on their part I want authority to order it withheld, this can be done in the instructions given to the disbursing agent who may be ordered to make the payment, directing him to be governed by me in selecting the time, place, &c &c: this will enable me to bring them into Camp before the payment is made & then put off with them upon as the money is divided. Ofotheloko intends to make a great parade in leaving the country he intends to go thro with a religious ceremony & then go = in your letter of the 4th inst you appear to think that Capt. Hitchcock applies for the office of disbursing agent by reference to his letter you will find he only applies

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for orders to attach him to the Removal of Indians. he is very willing to perform any duty that I may require of him & all he asks is to be detached on this duty & ordered to report to me; and as he has the full consent of his Col. I hope he may be detailed on this duty as he will be a great acquisition to our party and if the contract system is set aside we shall want many such officers as Capt H. and if it is not; still we shall require his services to go with the parties for we may calculate on a general Emigration next season.-

I have the honor to
remain your Obt Servt

Jno. B. Hogan
Supt Creek Emigrants

Genl Jno. Gibson
Com Genl of Subs
Washington city

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Dear Sir. Columbus Nov. 5th 1835.

On the 3rd inst I wrote the Secretary of war as follows.—

Sir, Columbus Nov 3rd 1835—

Having thus far unsuccessfully attempted to fulfill my obligations as one of the Company engaged in the removal of the Creek Indians, and believing my services no longer of any avail in the accomplishment of that object; amidst the continued accumulation of new difficulties; I consider it a duty to apprise the Dept. of my withdrawal from that connexion. It may not be unseasonable to enumerate the various causes which have led to this determination; but it would be perhaps wrong not to mention that the policy which has been adopted by the suspension of the sales and certification of Indian lands has in itself alone, presented an insuperable obstacle to the undertaking: and so long as that measure is persisted in, all future efforts at emigration whether on the part of the Government or the Company must prove futile and abortive. I have the Honor &c.

Hon. Sec. of War.

From the above it will be seen that so far as I am individually concerned, the matter has reverted to the Government.

Col. Jno. B. Hogan. S. C. E.] C [redacted] (Truly S. W. A. Sanford

(Copy) Columbus Nov 5th 1835

Sir,

The note of the 3rd inst, by Maj: Blue is at hand — We expect to make up a party of Indians in this neighborhood within two or three weeks — Cannot say as to numbers — none as yet in Camp — probably not over 500 — You shall be informed so soon as the Indians begin to collect

Col. Jno. B. Hogan
Superint. Creek. Emig.

We are very Respectfully Your
Obt. Servts. S. W. A. Sanford & Co

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Columbus Nov. 5th 1835

Col. Jno. A. Logan

Dear Sir,

I arrived here this morning. Genl. Sanford informs me he has withdrawn from the Company and has informed the Govt. of it.- A copy of his letter I enclose you; Maj. Phipps was absent but from the best information I could get in that neighborhood was, that Cotocha-tuck-chee-nuba was determined to go and would start in the course of next week Dr. Ingersoll says he is determined to start them under the contract. I suggested the difficulty which might arise from the Government, not acknowledging the Company after the withdrawal of Genl. Sandford, he replied he would risk it; that he knew the Secretaries - Was pretty hard to get over; but put two or three members of Congress at them, and they generally could manage them - Under this circumstances I shall come on to Montgomery and see you. I will then have sufficient time to meet their encampments - Genl. Sanford gave your letter to him on the subject of the emigration to Mr. Howell to answer, as soon as I receive it I shall put them all in the office for this evening's mail and go on to Ft. Mitchell to night Genl Sandford's books has been left with Dr. Mills and he is absent and has them locked up - the Genl. has promised as soon as Mills returns he will get them and have them with Mr. Vannoy as you requested

Very Respectfully
Yours &c-
W Blue

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Recd. Nov 16.

Tallahassee 2nd Nov. 1835.

Sir,

I returned here about one hour since from Chopstokhoy-har (old Mennawnygtown) where I closed the investigation of Dist. Mr. Henry's District with a small exception that will be attended to hereafter.. nearly the whole of that town had been stolen, but was given up by the thieves without an effort at defence: it will take some time to prepare a report in detail:- I shall leave that duty to Major Abbott who accompanied me thro. the various towns and acted as secretary on the occasion- When I left here last week Apothlehole had convened his people for the purpose of consulting on emigration; I left Major Blue here to attend on the council and receive their answer, he informs me that the Indians all got drunk with Apothlehole at their head and that Duboise answered for them; that there would be no emigration this fall; and that he had written by Mr. Sommerville to Genl. Sandford informing him of that fact- On leaving here this day week, Genl. Sanford informed me he had no confidence in Apothlehole's going this fall, and that if any part of the Cowetas went with Marshall, he would furnish money to buy the necessary provisions and let them go themselves:

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I told him that would not answer; that he was restricted to parties of one thousand, for the obvious reason that the Government was compelled to send certain Officers with each party; but if he sent only one party this fall, I would throw no difficulties in his way, but would send the Officers now here with the party even if it should be but 500 strong;- He seemed to think he had a right to send them off in such numbers as he could obtain; but at last yielded to the reasons I assigned in behalf of a contrary opinion;- I now consider the emigration for this season at an end, and shall send Major Blue over to Ft. Mitchell in the morning and from thence to Columbus to know Genl. Sandfords final determination;- When he left here he intimated that he should convene his partners and withdraw from the concern, and have nothing more to do with it- The Circuit Court for Mobile County commences this day and I am compelled to be there next week- I shall set out tomorrow for that place, and will return here in two or three weeks and resume the investigation, and go thro, the whole before I leave the Nation;- Indeed, I expect that this investigation will keep me here nearly all the winter- Your communications can be sent to Tuskegee

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Since writing the above I received a message from Opothlehola requesting me to visit him, stating his indisposition and inability to come and see me; accordingly I determined to remain here another day and this morning after breakfast I crossed the Tallapoosa and went to his house.— I found him surrounded with Indians and among them Tuchabatchia Micco, the young king, as he is called, and Mad Blue, and some minor Chiefs:— He commenced by asking after my health and stating his sickness and fever, all of which proceeded from his late debauch, he then went on to regret his inability to Emigrate this fall, by stating that the Town Chiefs had given orders on the Principal Chiefs for money their people owed to be paid out of the next annuity; that the Principal had accepted these drafts and were now responsible and that if they attempted to go, the white people who were the holders of these papers, would seize on their negroes and horses and ruin them all; that he was sorry to hear that their great Father, the President, had sent word that no more annuities should be paid his people here; that unless they got their next years' annuity, they must be ruined. He continued his conversation



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conversation for two hours and was followed by the young King and also Red Blue:- I found them pretty humble and made good use of the feeling I found them in; to shew them the necessity of acting in good faith with the Government and not to deceive the agents of the Government: that their course heretofore had been a bad one, and that the President had done every thing in his power to protect and preserve them; that he had urged them repeatedly to remove; because he knew they could not live here among the whites; that they had paid no sort of attention to his wishes or the advice of his Agents; that they now began to feel the bitter effects of their conduct; that the Department had lost confidence in them; that nothing but a straight forward, honest course of conduct would restore the confidence of the Department; that the President had said no more annuities should be paid on this side the Mississippi river; that I could not promise them that his orders would be countermanded; but that if they would give me their United promise to go early in the Spring, (as they said they could not go this fall) and take with them all their people, I would promise them that I would write to the President and lay their situation and complaints before him:- They then gave me this



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sacred promise that they would go in the Spring whenever I said the word; that they would convene in 20 days the chiefs of the Nation and would give out the talk they had now agreed on, and tell the Indians to prepare for a final move in April and that no more corn should be planted by any Indian in Alabama; that they had no doubt but that they could take with them all the Indians, except such as adhered to Tushinahaw; that they would tell their people to collect their stock, sell it, sell their lands and when I gave out the broken days in the Spring they would all come into camp and be ready to move in a body when I said the word: this they have most solemnly pledged themselves to perform. I have no doubt but they will rigidly comply; that they are in debt I know, and I believe it will be a stroke of policy to pay the most annuity to them a few days before they start; but on the day they come into camp, they can then pay off their debts and go in a body, and even if the Chiefs were to fly from their promises after the indians had come into Camp, the Chiefs could not prevent their going I have written as promised to the President, and hope that I may be authorised to assure those Chiefs that upon their complying strictly with their pledges, they shall receive another annuity to be paid in April

Your letter of the 15th of Oct enclosing a copy of a letter to Messrs Sandford & Co. is received - I am rather surprised that those gentlemen should write such a letter. On the 5th day I left Fayetteville N. C. - On receiving your's I addressed the company a small note and by this days mail received their answer, a copy is enclosed, by it you will see that they retract any and all charges that they may have made against me. You will also receive a copy of my letter to the company of yesterday and one

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one to Capt. Page, Maj. Allen left here this morning for the Creeks, thence to Columbus, and will return by Ft. Mitchell and will meet me at Montgomery unless his services will be required to be enrolled any that may be disposed to go; but I assure you I have no expectation that a party will be made up - The Contractors have all gone home and left no one in the Nation to attend to their business. Genl. Sandford is the only effective man in the Company and if he does return, the Govt. had at once better annull the Contract; for I can assure you it will be useless to continue the system with such Contractors. Col. Iverson is a still partizan and has never been in the Nation. Blake, Howell, and Ingersoll have all been land Speculators and are unpopular with the Indians who know them; - The investigation of these land cases have added thrice to my duties and is more perplexing than all the other parts of my duty, and will keep me in the Nation away from my family all winter, but I suppose I must go through with it. altho. I sincerely wish it had been entrusted to other hands. there is hardly an hour or moment but some Speculative Gentleman is after me to know what I have done in his case, as if I could recollect every case I have decided out of perhaps 3 or 400 in a day and every chaps wants to give me a history of the merits of his particular case. thus it goes —

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt Servt
Jno. B. Hogan
Supdt. Creek. Emig.

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comr. Genl. Subs.

(signed)

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Tallassee Nov. 2nd 1835

Gentlemen,

I have just returned here from the towns in the upper part of Dist. Mc Henry's District, and learn from Mr Dubose that Opothleho-lo and all his indians that convened on Wednesday last to take into consideration the subject of emigration, were drunk and nothing could or would be done; and that they have abandoned the idea of going this fall:- Dubose states that Opothleholo cannot go until he can make some money arrangements:- I have requested Major Blue to visit you and ascertain whether you have any Indians enrolled or whether you expect to have any this fall, and if so, how many? And when you calculate to leave the Creek nation with the first party? It is all important that I should be informed on these points; as I have to make the necessary arrangements on the part of the Government; and if anything is to be done, it should be done soon; as the season for operations is nearly if not already at an end; my business calls me to Mobile; but I shall await Major Blues return with your answer.

Have the honor &c-

Jno. B. Morgan

Supt. Creek. Nation

To,

Maj.r Genl. J. W. A. Sanford Ala.

Columbus. Georgia

(Copy)

Tallahassee Nov. 3rd 1835

Dear Sir,

I returned to this place on yesterday from the upper end of Dist. No. Henry land District, having closed the investigation of this District with the exception of some special cases; and but for the Emigration, could with perfect propriety repair to Mobile, where I am compelled to go next week to meet our Circuit Court, now in Session:- Genl. Sanford left here last week in rather low spirits, and said to me that he had no confidence in Opothlehola's professions and that he would return to Columbus and withdraw from the contract:- Since he left here Opothlehola convened his people to deliberate on the subject of emigration, and, instead of doing so, I am informed that they all took a frolic and were all drunk for several days:-

Dubois says that they will not go this fall, and that he advised Genl. Sanford not to open his camps or he might be deserted &c. Hoar, the only party that is said is getting ready, is Barbetustennugga of the Creeks, and it is said he cannot carry many with him; as Sams Islands will not go until Spring, and he will keep the greater portion of them with him: Dubois says however, that Cotchee stated while here, that he would go when he saw Opothlehola get up and be ready to go with him; that he would not go without Opothlehola; in order to ascertain the truth of these statements; Maj. Blue will repair to Chambers County and ascertain for himself the truth, and then repair to Columbus and see the Contractors and know from them what course they will pursue, and call by and see you and report to you all:- From what Genl. Sanford said to me I am induced to believe that the contract is abandoned; if so, and I am officially informed on this subject and the Creeks wish to go I must make the necessary arrangements to

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send them; the party will be small, and Lt. Deas who will go with the party can make all the necessary Disbursements on the route and can purchase provision for such a party as cheap as if a contract was made; should he require aid, Mr. Sommerville will be employed to accompany him:- If Doct. Randall has reached Ft. Mitchell he will also accompany the party- Maj. Wheir will see to the enrolment of the party:- If however nothing will be done in that part of the Nation, as I am very certain nothing can be done here- Maj Wheir will return here or join me at Montgomery where I shall go as soonas I can arrange my papers &c. &c. and yourself and Lt. Deas will be released from all further connection with me until the 1st of march next: when the emigration will commence with renewed vigour:- should your health remain feeble, let me advise you to come to Mobile and spend your winter in that comfortable climate.

I remain your Obt. Servt-
Jno. B. Morgan
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Capt. Jno Page
Disbursing agt-
Ft Mitchell Ala

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I have the honor to remain
your Obt Servt
Thos. B. Hogan
Capt. Corps Engrs

To Genl
Geo Gibson
Washington Ark

P.S. I omitted to mention that the next day after the arrival of Lieut Allston & Company - & at the first the Sheriff of this County called on Mr A for a party of his Company to attend him in hunting up some Indians who it is said have threatened a man named Jas Simms it appears this man Simms had an Indian over the head a short time since & killed him, & as yet there has been no other action taken of Simms than the imperceiving arrest at his instigation to take up & confine the relatives of the deceased Indian as Lieut Allston had no orders from the Dept. except to repair here he very properly declined furnishing the men for such purposes; I think it very wrong to have a military force here but dont think they should be used to annoy law abiding people at the instance of every scamp & cheat & those devils at the instance of every scamp in this nation who seem to think the troops must move at

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Recd 4 Augt.

Fort Mitchell Ala 5th July 1835

Sir

Enclosed is the only report I have received this week but every thing as far as heard from confirms the opinion that we shall have a large fall campaign & that in four or five weeks we shall be preparing to move West. It seems that Capt Hunter has left Cantonments to report himself in writing from Tallassee & Fort Jackson for his instructions, when had he strictly his original orders he would then have forwarded his written orders dated in May last, what is to do with this man I dont know but merely turn him over to your department to be dealt with as you may think proper, he seems to think that as his appointment came from the War Dept. he is irresponsible & has been giving the officers about in the Talladega district and giving orders as if he was independant of any authority in consequence of his absence I had to make Maj. Estell the superintendent to take his place & attend to that end of the station, Mr Estell is the half brother of Mr Mardis and a very respectable man & much better qualified than Capt Hunter for this station. I shall leave him to manage for the western end of the station & may call on to see cases of absent sick but hope to soon hear the result of the contemplated change by contract untill we hear what the determination of the Dept. may be. Nothing deserving in Creek Nation

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Tallasee Octr. 29th 1835

Genl. S. W. A. Sandford

Sr.

At the request of Maj. Hogan I attended at the Tuckabatcha square for the purpose of receiving their final answer on the Emigration this fall, none of the chiefs appeared, Wetoia said they was all drunk, and authorised me to say to you they had determined not to move this fall, and gave as their reason that they could not dispose of their lands until there was an authorised Agent appointed to satisfy to them. Colo. Hogan requests that you will give him your determination on this subject as early as possible. very respectfully

your Obt. Servt

A. H. Blue

(Copied JMH)

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Rd. 31st July

Fort Mitchell 20 July 1835

Sir

Enclosed is a letter from Major Phipps of the 4th Conducting report, as it did not reach him in time to enclose with the other reports, I transmit it as a separate communication and also a copy of my letter in reply to Major Phipps

I have the honor to remain your Obt Servt

Jno. B. Hogan
Supt. Creek Removal

To
Genl. Jno. Gibson
Com. Genl of Subs.
Washington City

P.S. The 4th Infy yesterday

a Lieutenant & thirty men Company C of & three five horse teams reached this post

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(Copy of a report from Mr. Isaac Estell Asst. Agt.) Mardisville July 6th 1835

Dear Sir,

Since my letter of yesterday, I have recd. your communication of the 18th June, and will promptly attend to your instructions. I have also recd. a report from Maj. Lomax and have the honor to report to you the result of his operations, which, considering the difficulties we have to contend with - I consider somewhat encouraging - he reports the enrolment of 50 in Lon=chartee town, 19 in Chokaloak, and 21. in Chuchaw; making in all 90 twenty four of whom are enroled for the summer emigration; add to my former report 35 make 59 for the present emigration - he, Lomax, com=plains of the removal of the Creeks to the Cherokee country, and from the best information I can obtain there is about 1200 now in that Country and they are still encreasing daily, and unless there are measures used from some source to stop this emigration to that place, half of the nation will shortly be there - Be assured that no means in my power shall be left unturned in order to induce the Indians to emigrate - It is, however, im=possible to keep you advised of our success, unless the Assistants were punctual in making their reports - It seems to me vitally important that you should be informed weekly of our success, that you may the earlier take measures to ensure success in our efforts, and a unity of ac=tion in all the Assistants, is the only means to effect this great object -

I am Sir, very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Isaac Estell
Asst. Creek Emigration

John B. Hogan
Supdt. Creek. emg.

Col. Ira B. Hogan (Maj. Blue's Report) Fort Hull July 13th 1835

Dear Sir — On my arrival at this place I am informed the council at Dudley's is postponed in consequence of its interference with Mr.

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Mr. McKenny's investigation at Tuckabatchee – I met Tuskina going to Neo-mico's where he told me he should remain five or six days – I told him you were at Fort-mitchell and would be glad to see him, and requested him to go and see you, which he promised me to do. On my arrival at the Creek Stand, a Mr. Smith, who has got an Indian wife, says he had a long conversation with Tuskina on the subject of emigration by this company: Tuskina says, "the Indians will not go with them; they are the very men, who have cheated the Indians out of their lands, and they now want to cheat them out of what little they have left, and while on the march, they will be drove like a parcel of pigs to market – He also says, he and Neo-mico, will immediately write a letter to Jackson and send a man with it, so that they will be certain he will get it; that there has been several written, and they got no answers, which makes them think their letters have never been sent" Nothing new respecting our emigration – Would it not be well for you to see Tuskina –

Respectfully yours &c –

E. Blue

Sir, (Mr. Sommerville's Report) Tallassee 10th July 1835 –

On passing Tuckabatchee I crossed the river to see Apothlehole, but was disappointed in seeing him as Hotchkiss had returned from the North and sent word from the Polecat Spring to the chiefs to meet him at Montgomery on the ninth, this being the case, all the chiefs of any note were gone to Montgomery to meet him: what the meeting will result in, I am unable to say, as I can get no information from any person as regards the matter – Billingsley has just returned from Texas and is also to be at Montgomery; I think myself from the looks and appearances of some of the party concerned and the manner in which they talk, that they

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they have failed in everything: From the conversation I have had with some few of the under chiefs, I think the prospect of getting a party to emigrate this fall is becoming more flattering every day – Opothlehola has advised his people if they wish to go to Arkansaw to do so and that they had better go this fall – I shall have this in the morning for Mr. Silverys, the chief of the Hickory-ground Town; I am told that he is in favour of removing this fall – If it should be the fact he will take a great many more with him –

Dick Johnson a son of Opothlehola's night before last in a fight with another Indian stabbed the other with a knife in several places in the breast, which caused the Indians death instantly; yesterday the Sheriff went to apprehend him; but could not find him, as his father had run him off – the belief is, that he has left the country entirely – It has made a considerable change in Opothlehola; so say the people that have seen him since his son killed the the Indian – the Sheriff is still in pursuit of him, and I am in hopes will succeed in apprehending him – the indian that he killed is a brother of David Barnetts wife – I wrote a few lines to Dudley yesterday to reserve situations for us – Lieut. Deas is getting better – In haste the Gentleman I send this by is waiting – —

I remain Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt –
Alex. W. Sommerville

Col. Jno. B. Hogan.
Supdt = creek Reg.

P. S. I have just been informed by a nephew of Col. Common, that Col. Hunter is out in the nation, and has been for 8 or 10 days: he says that Hunter is riding about in the nation through Talladega county amongst the Indians – Ragsdale and Hunter were together a few days since. – A. W. S –

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(Extract of J. B. Hogan's letter to Isaac Estill dated July 11th 1835)

You mention the arrival of Col. Hunter at Talladega, it appears to me that Col. Hunter's course is anything but such as it should be — he was ordered in april last to repair to Tuckabatchee for orders, and to meet me there on the first or fifth of may, not finding him there, I left his orders in writing for him at that place; as an old soldier and Officer, I presumed the Col. would know that the first thing he had to do, was to report himself in person to me before he entered on duty, and, I can assure him, that until he does, he will not be recognized as being in service, or be entitled to any pay: personally, I have a very friendly regard for him; but it is my rule of conduct to do my duty, and expect every man to do his, and a gross violation of orders I never tolerate — Should Col. Hunter still be with you, you are at liberty to shew him this letter, and advise him to look at the 2nd & third articles of the printed regulations for the government of all persons employed in this business — I hope you will see Gresham Mr. Sommerville has his instruction to do so, by all means, and put a stop to his mischievous and lying tongue — I have no doubt he has been put up to do so by certain scamps, who are at work elsewhere on the same subject —

Isaac Estill Esqr.
Asst. agent
Mardisville

Remain your Obt servt
Jno. B. Hogan
Supdt creek. rem.

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Report of Major W. Blue Sevir

Fort Hall July 4. 1835

Dr. Col.

I receive yours of the 29th June three days ago at Tuckabatcha where I have been ever since the day after Mr Summerville was here, at the land investigation & the distribution of the annuity. which they had not when I left this morning get accomplished. Young Grayson and some of the fish Pond and Hilabays says there will be a thousand at least from that neighbourhood ready by the first of September. they are now preparing they say they dont intend to wait to gather corn; as soon as it gets fit to feed on, they mean to fatten their ponies on it. and they dont want to be later in starting than 15th of September. I have also seen old Joe Brunner. who says that he and McGilvery of the Hickory Ground Town has come to an arrangement between themselves that as soon as all the troubles are over, (the Investigation of stolen land and arrangements of the 29 Sections) they have fixed their boundary line among the towns in that Quarter so that each is to have their own towns to appereate in. they dont want any thing said about it yet but when they get their plans ripe they will let me know. and they will go right to work with all their might & shove them right into camp. they have both got large connexions and they think they will be able to take from 500. to 1000. The old dog Cornion of the

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Ala Town who was more hostile when I first came here than any of them, sent me word few days ago he discovered they could not stay here. that he wanted to see the mad Tiger of the Coosendays he would then let me know when they would remove. Yesterday I had a talk with the Mad Tiger who says they have now given out all Idea of Texas. and they will be ready to remove to Arkansaw the last of August those two towns I think will amount to 3 or 4 hundred I have little doubt but the Tuskeegas & Cheahaws will go with them as they live Jumping and have sold their lands, inclosed is a report from Lorin Young. we have enrolled but few for the Summer Emigration and their efforts some disappointment in not having the Camps opened. there is a few more who says we dont enrol but open your Camps we will then come in and enrol but we can make no certain calculation on the number that would come in suppose we should get. 200 only 200 hundred for the Summer and you were to start them what would be the additional Expense to the Government my idea is there would be none only perhaps to the Contractor and dont you think the advantage of keeping up the Camps. would over ballance all the extra expense

Yours Respt
M Blue

Col. Hogan
Ft Mitchell

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Report from Colo Harrison Young dated
Soakapoxy June 27 1835

Major Blue

Dear Sir

I drop you a line by your son. when I last saw Colo Hogans I promised to report to you at Fort Atkill I have been constantly among the Indians since I saw you at the Council & it is the same old tale over again. that a great many will emigrate in the fall at this time it is out of the question to do any thing but to visit their towns and encourage them for fall Emigration you will report to Colo at fort Mitchell. excuse my my bad pen I will refer you to your son for further particulars

Yours respectfully
H. Young

Major Blue

Ewing 133 Creek

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Col. J. B. Hogan

Tallahassee 2 Nov. 1835

Think there will be nothing done in the Cong. this spring.

Details the particulars of a conference with Apothlehola

Some of the contractors have been land speculators and are unpopular with the Indians.

Advising to annul the the contract if Gen. Sanford withdraws

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1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) LT.C.S.HOWE (REL TO PUBLIC PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF SAYRE,MONTGOMERY.ALA)

Reg 68. Creek

Lt C S. Howe

Montgomery 6th Apl. 1835

He has examined the public property in possession of Mr Sayre who refuses to give it up till the storage is paid

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Montgomery April 6th 1835.

Recd 17 April

Sir

I have the honor to report, that in compliance with your instructions I proceeded to this place and arrived here on Saturday evening last.

I called upon Col. Sayre that morning. He refuses to permit the public property in his possession to be taken away until he is paid the amount due him for storage.

He has however allowed me to examine and report the goods; so soon as I shall have finished this, I shall have the pleasure of [illegible] Chickasaw.

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
C. S. Stone
Capt. Lt. & A. Chf

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comdg. Genl. Subsistence
Washington

Engs 75. Creeks

Lt. C. S. Howe
Ft. Mitchel, 27. April
27th. 1835 —

Reports on the condition of the public property in possession of Mr. Sayre at Montgomery Ala.

Recd. 11 May

Rec'd 11 May

Fort Mitchell Ala.
April 27th 1855

Sir

I have the honor to report that in compliance with your letter of instructions dated March 17th 1855, I have examined the public property in the possession of Mr Sayre at Montgomery.

A statement is herewith transmitted showing the condition &c of the property taken up, showing the manner where the public marks are contained of each lot.

One box it will be seen, contained but five rifles; as the box was of the same dimensions as the others, it seems evidently have contained ten. – Other five rifles had been used and were much damaged. I think they are not worth more than one third of their first cost. Ten rifles contained in another box, were so badly matted, that I did not think they could be put in good enough order to be issued to Indians. They did not appear to have been used, and were probably worth about one half of the first cost. Three fifteen rifles and five pounds blankets have been put in the hands of an auctioneer for sale. As no public sale could take place for two or three days after I had finished the examination, I did not think it necessary for me to remain; and directed the Auctioneer to forward his account of sales and the proceeds to Capt. Page at Ft Mitchell. –

The blankets have all been unpacked in boxes, and I think if they are not soon issued they will be much injured by moth. –

As Mr Sayre would not permit the property to be taken out of his possession, I left all

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an arrangement about the storage, to be made by the agent, directed to settle with him.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 11th inst. The horses have all been inspected as fast directed, the mess. meat has been substituted for the old one.

Since leaving here my Company has been ordered to the Cherokee Agency Ten. I shall soon join it.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obt. Svt.
C. S. Hamer
Incl. Lt. & Mr. Supt.

Gen. Lt. Gen. Gibson
Comdg. Gen. Dept
Washington

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) WM.HUNTER (OPOTHLE YOHOLO WITH ALL TUCKEBACHEE TOWNS WILLING TO EMIGRATE BUT NOT WITH THE GEORGIA COMPANY.ETC)

-5 & 12

Emig Creek

Wm Hunter

Tuscumbia 12th May 1835

Has rec'd letters of 26th March & 20th April

Has been order by Col Morgan to proceed to Tuchabatchee. —

Benjamin Hudson
Genl Indian Agent
Washington City

COMMANDER'S MAY 15 1835

May 30

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Recd 30 May

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. Sub.
Washington City.

Emigration of Indians
Tuscumbia
12th May 1835.

Sir;

Your letters of 26th Mar. and 20th Apr are both respectfully acknowledged.

It gives me pleasure to inform you, that I received orders from Col. Hogan on the day following your letter of the 26th to set out forthwith for Suchabatchee, and, that in obedience to the same, I shall set out for that place on to-morrow as speedily as possible.

respectfully
yours &c &c.
William Hunter

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Emig Creek

Wm Hunter

Talladega, 30 Sept. 1835

The chief Hopothyehole are now willing to remove west, but will not agree to do so with the Georgia Company.

Gen. Gaines

Commanding Div. of Militia

Mobile City

Mr. Hopothyehole

Sept. 18

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Recd 18 Sept

Talladega 3rd September 1835

Col J. D. Gibson Comdg

Dep. of Subsistance

Sir

I hasten to inform you of the late decision of the Tuckabache Chief Hopoeithyoholo & others they have at length, concluded to emigrate with all their people to Arkansas and, I, believe it has all been done through the influence of Mr Sorbrie and other Gentlemen in this neighbourhood ~~living in this~~ who have lent all their aid to influence the Creeks to emigrate ever since I have been at this place, whatever may have been said, to the contrary not withstanding.

Hopoeithyoholo says that he has prepared his marching Physic and rubbed up his Tradition Brass plates, and will be ready to start on the fifteenth of next month, with five Towns composing the whole of the Tuckabaches, which is the Great leading Town of the Nation. He also states that the other Towns will follow every five or six days and in moving in this way the Road will not be crowded, and there will be no delay at Bridges and Ferries. I have been well convinced for several weeks past of the determination of those Chiefs to emigrate, Hopoeithyoholo particularly comes out open and independent, tells his people that he is preparing his travelling clothes, and will put out all his old fire and never make or Kindle it again untill he reaches West of the Mississippi, then never to quench it again. The chiefs wish something to be done with the twenty Eight and a half remaining sections of land, allow it in the Treaty to the disposal of the Creek Tribe, they wish to have them assigned and disposed of

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and the proceeds, to be devided ~~between~~ in such a manner as to discharge their National debt, which will have to be done previous to their leaving the Nation, They have also requested me to call the attention of the Department to that of the number of Indians entitled to land under the Treaty that the names, can not be found on the Rudell roll that there are a number of them, with large families they crave to be remunerated to, and placed upon the footing of others, It is my opinion if nothing is done that it will taint Emigration. They also wish some provision made whereby the heirs of deceased Indians can dispose of their lands belonging to such Indians, and for the Contracts to be entered, and approved, this Course will facilitate in those cases, emigration

I am sorry to hear from the Chiefs that they differ with the views of the Government, in relation to the appointment lately made to superintend them on their March of removal. They positively, ~~say~~ they will not emigrate under the Georgia Company of Contractors they say they have a dislike to them that they never have been their friends, They wish their friend Col Hogan to be authorized to make an arrangement at this place after Consulting with the Chiefs here. And it is my opinion from what I daily see and hear from the Indians of there is no change in the appointment of Contractors and the Fear that the Indians will stop and wait until such time as they may believe it will be changed or otherwise. they will try to emigrate themselves and petition the U. S. for remuneration 529

They also request some advice through their agent Judge Torrant, in relation to the Orphan twenty sections how they are to be disposed of and what measures the Orphans are to be apprenticed.

All of which they wish a speedy answer from the Department, as it is important they should know in relation to it before they leave

With every Respect I have the Honor to acknowledge myself

(Signed)

William Hutton

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1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) ALFRED IVERSON (WITH GEN SANFORD WILL VISIT WASH TO ARRANGE FOR REMOVING CREEKS BY CONTRACT)

C7 72

Emig Bank

Referred

C. J. Jessup

Columbus Ga.

July 6th 1835

He and Genl. Stanford will shortly visit Washington to confer with the Marquis as to the terms of trade, by contract &c.

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B. of Adams Esq.

(Acting Chairman of the

Committee &c &c

July 20

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Recd 20 July

Referred same 20th July by Wm H.

Columbus. Ga. July 15th 1895

Sir

Your letter of the 24th Ultimo has been received. Gen. Sanford & myself, in behalf of the persons interested in the proposed arrangements will set out for Washington two City in a day or two, for the purpose of consulting personally with the Department upon the subject. We shall have full powers to enter into such arrangements as may be deemed advisable & may be agreed upon.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
A. Iverson

C. A. Harris Esq
Acting Sec. of War

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) S.M.INGERSOLL (REL TO A SUBSTITUTE FOR GEN SANFORD IN EMIGRATION CO.)

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Rec'd

Ensig Clark

From

S. M. Inguson

Columbus, 11. Nov. 1835

States that as the withdrawal of Genl. Sanford from the Company was unexpected, &c. and as he doubts their ability, they can associate themselves with other advantageously to run to effect the object of Govt. &c.

Colonel Clark
Accompany Mr.
Washington &c

21 Nov.

FREE

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Referred by War Sept No 21.

Columbus 11th Nov 1835

Sir The withdrawal of Genl Sanford from the company for emigrating the Creek Indians was unexpected and without the consent of the ballance of the company and the individuals ~~are~~ composing it are placed by his act in a most unpleasant attitude before the government — As one of that association I feel competent to conduct to a successfull termination this most desirable measure of the government and shall be on the road with a party in three days the number cannot now be certainly ascertained - The remainder of the company are desirous to go on with the contract If the department entertain any doubts of their ability to do so it will be in their power to associate with themselves persons advantageously known to you - It is hoped that the withdrawal of Genl Sanford will not be allowed to prejudice the interests of the ballance of the company - Now that the certificates have been ordered to parade no difficulty is apprehended - early in the spring thousands may be induced to go

Respectfully
S. M. Ingersoll

Genl Lewis Cass

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) HON.SEABORN JONES (REL TO AN APPOINTMENT VICE ALEX.HILL)

C5728

Reg 15. Cadet

Seaborn Jones
Washington
February 16. 1835

Remarks & Recommendations

Wishes to know if any
app.t in Brat Lieu.t
has been appointed in
place of Mr Hill
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Warrant
Issd. 12 Feby 1835
[illegible] Sec'y War
[illegible] 14

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Received 12 July. | Referred by War Dpt. 3 July 18.

A. of Sep. 11th July 1835

Wm Lewis Esq Sir

Mr. Hill of Tuscaloosa who was lately emigrating Agent for removing the Creek Indians having been displaced, wishes you permit me to enquire whether any person has been appointed in his place. I have been indulged to make this enquiry as time is now in this City a gentleman who has just come from among the Indians states very few any Indians could be persuaded on to remove at once. I am well acquainted with him and fully believe that his influence with

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than that confidence in him would induce many to go with him who might otherwise remain. If the department should deem it proper to employ him in that business I have no doubt of his ability & in anxiety in forwarding the views of the President of the United States towards that unfortunate people. I should be obliged for an answer as soon as your convenience will permit

Yours truly & obt Svt

Gabriel Jones

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) GEN.D.MC DOUGALD &C. (RESOLUTION OF CITIZENS REL TO REMOVAL OF INDIANS,RECOMMEND ING GEN.SANFORD AS EMIGRATING AGENT)

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100 Emig Cards

From Genl
McDougal
and others enclosing
resolutions adopted
at a meeting of
delegates of Georgia
and Alabama held
at Columbus on
the subject of re=
moving the Indians,
and requesting
an appropriation
for that object

Referred to the
Secy of War
inclosure A

War Dept
Ansd 13 Mar. 1835
Rec'd 16 March

March 16. 1835
Emigration Office

Referred March 16.
Yte Secy War

Columbus 2 March 1795

To the President of the United States

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enclosed will show you that we have been selected by our fellow Citizens to represent to the Govt. of the U.S. our sufferings, relations and reference to the Creek Indians, It is absolutely necessary for the safety & well being of the good Citizens of the State of Georgia & Geo. & which have suffered the Cruelty inflicted by said Indians

further delay, our object only is to make known to the Govt. the true state of our relations, we have no other interest direct or indirect in their removal than such as influences every patriotic bosom, It is to prevent cruelty of the savages to life & property & other annoyances that necessarily results from their being our neighbors,

murders are daily committed by both
Indians & settlers and a state of things
now exist that rendering it highly dangerous
to pass through the Country in which
they live — no doubt Loss of murders &c
can also you! ~~[illegible]~~ in the
statements, during the last year — no
less than four murders have occurred in
this neighborhood, — the Citizens residing
near them are alarmed, fears the
Spirit of speculation the loss of stat.
we hitherto state cannot effectually remedy
our difficulties, It is not necessary
to state that the service must provide
for the removal of the Indians in order at
~~least are we are not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]~~ can
be the slightest difficulty provided an
efficient agent be appointed, and we
take great pleasure in assuring ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ that a more energetic & faithful
superintendent cannot be selected
than the one named in the accompanying
resolutions passed unanimously

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of

We do not believe it necessary to attend our remarks further upon this subject, we only desire that your Honors should understand the true state of things, Connected with the unfortunate case of the Seminoles who are now almost in a state of starvation,

We have the honor to be very respectfully
C. J. Hoffman
J. Walker
D. McDonald
A. Abercrombie
James Wadsworth
Committee

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Columbus Geo: 28th February 1835

Agreeable to previous notice in the public Gazette of Columbus a large and respectable meeting of the Citizens of Alabama and Georgia convened at the Court House this day —

The meeting having been called to order — On motion of W Calhoun Doc: Thomas Hoxey was called to the Chair and Edward Cary appointed Secretary —

The Chairman having explained the object of the meeting — Col: Burton Hepburn moved, that a Committee be appointed to draw up a Memorial in behalf of this meeting, to be forwarded to the President of the United States on the state of our relations with the Indians and the probable consequences which may result from delay in removing them to their Destined home beyond the Mississippi

Whereupon Col: Burton Hepburn, J. Calhoun Esq Genl: A. Abercrombie Col: James Wadsworth and Genl: D. McDougald were appointed the Committee —

Nat C. McKenzie Esq then offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted —

Resolved that the Committee be instructed to

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recommend the Honor.ble John M.c A Sanford as a suitable person for emigrating Agent

Resolved that these proceedings be signed by the Chairman and secretary and published in the Gazette of this place. —

Edw.d Cary
Sec.y

Tho. Hovey Chairman

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) BENJ.MARSHALL (IS REMOVING A CREEK FAMILY FOR WHICH HE WISHES THE USUAL COMPENSATION)

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Emig Creek Refered

From
Benjamin Marshall
Columbus, Georgia
Augt. 13th 1835

Understand Contract has been made to remove the Creek Inds at $20 pr. head — says he is moving a large family & would like to be al= lowed same rate by Govern= ment — would not require Subsistence while at Agt

COLUMBUS
AUG
12
1835

FREE

To The Honorable
Lewis Cass
Secretary of War
Washington City

22. August

Georgia Columbus Aug. 18th 1835 — Recd 22 Aug.

Referred and answered by War Dept. Sept 22d.

Sir

A few days back, I have understood there has been a contract made with certain White persons to carry off the Indians of the Creek Nation at twenty dollars p head, Being in the act of moving with a large family am disposed, to go a head of the large Crowd and should like, to bear my own expenses, Could such a thing be allow'd by the Government, and for to receive the same amount p head as contracted for; I would like to start in the Course of next month, my Family will be about one hundred by such a course the U. S. will be at no further expense than the twenty dollars for I should stand not in need of any superintendance of agents. Should my request be granted an early reply will be thankfully received as I wish to make an early start, to reach home before the Cold season approaches

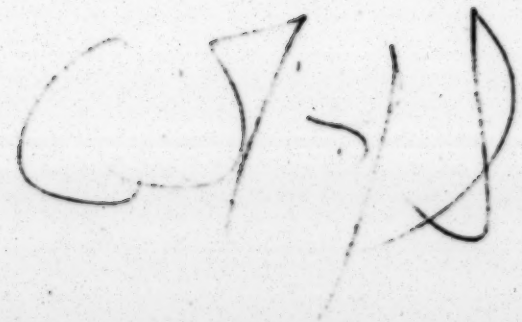
With great Respect I have the Honor to acknowledge

Yours

Benjamin Marshall

To the Honorable Sec. of War,

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) DR.M.MILLS (APPLIES FOR SERVICE IN ACCOMPANYING INDIANS WEST)



125 Emig Creeks

Dr. M. Mills
Fort Mitchell Ala.
Aug. 28th 1835

Requesting to be detached for service in the Emigration of Indians to accompany the west of the Mississippi

Ent'd WB

7 Sep-

Fort. Mitchell Ala.
May: 28. 1835

Rec'd by Mail

Sir:

I am informed that Medical Officers of the Army will be detailed to accompany the Indians to their new home west of the Mississippi - If this be the case, I would consider it a great favour to be on the detail

Perhaps the detail is already made from the late appts. If so, please request the Surgeon Genl. to have one selected me at this Post and then place me in the Emigration Dept.

I am Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Madison Mills
Asst: Surgeon
U.S.A.

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Com. Genl. Subs:
Washington City

1835 CREEKS (EMIGRATION) CAPT. JOHN [illegible], DIS. OFFICER (LIST & BIDS FOR FURNISHING SUPPLIES)

List of Claims.

for
Furnishing provisions
to the Creek Indians:
1835.

| Frederick Mitchell | |
|---|---|
| $ | ¢ |
| 1 | 75 |
| 2 | 00 |
| 1 | 87½ |
| 1 | 87½ |
| 2 | 00 |
| 2 | 00 |
| 2 | 12½ |
| 2 | 12½ |

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The following is a Complete list of bids received to furnish the Creek Indians with provisions &c, this 31st May 1835

| | Names of Bidders | Price ₩ Rate ⅌ cwt ¢ | Corn ₩ bushel ₩ | ¢ | Fodder ₩ cwt ₩ | ¢ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1 | James Grigsby willing | 6 | | 75 | 1 | 00 |
| " 2 | Lundy Barnett | 6 | 1 | 75 | 2 | 00 |
| " 3 | R. H. Knight deliverable | 6½ | 1 | 00 | 1 | 00 |
| " 4 | T. G. F. Martin | 6¾ | 1 | 37½ | 2 | 25 |
| " 5 | Jno. D. Howell & Co. | 7 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 00 |
| " 6 | Elijah C. Walker | 7¼ | 1 | 00 | 1 | 00 |
| " 7 | James Daniel | 7 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 37½ |
| " 8 | P. J. Murray | 8 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 37½ |
| " 9 | Wm. Crawthon | 7⅞ | 2 | 00 | 2 | 00 |
| " 10 | David Burks | 8 | 1 | 50 | 2 | 00 |
| " 11 | E. Johnson | 8 | 1 | 50 | 3 | 00 |
| " 12 | S. M. Ingersoll | 9 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 25 |
| " 13 | Shem Thompson | 9 29/100 | 1 | 62½ | 2 | 25 |
| " 14 | Paddy Carr | 9½ | 1 | 45 | 2 | 10 |
| " 15 | Jno. M. Moore | 9¾ | 1 | 49 | 1 | 99 |
| " 16 | James Bell | 9⅞ | 1 | 75 | 2 | 50 |
| " 17 | G. W. Elliott | 10 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 75 |
| " 18 | Hugh Love | 10 | 1 | 50 | 2 | 00 |
| " 19 | James Grace | 10 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 75 |
| " 20 | J. H. Love | 11¾ | 1 | 48 | 1 | 98 |

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Continued

| | Names of Bidders | Price per Fraction | Corn ⅌ Bushel | | Fodder ⅌ Cwt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | ¢ | $ | ¢ | $ | ¢ |
| No. 21 | S. Crowell | 12 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 75 |
| " 22 | Alexander Robinson | 12¼ | 1 | 50 | 2 | 00 |
| " 23 | James Wadsworth | 12½ | 1 | 50 | 1 | 87½ |
| " 24 | Wm. D. Hardgrove | 14 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 87½ |
| " 25 | S. Benton | 14 | 1 | 50 | 2 | 00 |
| " 26 | Wm. Williamson | 14½ | 1 | 62½ | 2 | 00 |
| " 27 | A. Burden | 18 | 1 | 75 | 2 | 12½ |
| " 28 | Luther Blake | 19½ | 2 | 00 | 2 | 12½ |

An abstract of forage issued by Robert Ridley to one six horse team employed in the removal of the Creek tribe of Indians during the quarter ending day of

| Date | | No of Teams | No of Horses | No of days team served | Commencing | | Ending | | Pounds Corn | Pounds Fodder | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1834 | | | | | 1834 | | 1834 | | | | |
| Octr | 3 | 1 | 6 | 7 | Octr | 3 | Octr | 9th | 84 | 210 lbs | The issue made |
| " | 10 | 2 | 6 | 7 | " | 10 | | 16 | 84 | 210 | to the team of five |
| " | 17 | 3 | 6 | 7 | " | 17 | | 23 | 84 | 210 | horses for two days |
| " | 24 | 4 | 6 | 7 | " | 24 | | 30 | 84 | 210 | was sent to Can- |
| " | 31 | 5 | 6 | 7 | " | 31 | Novr | 6 | 84 | 210 | ga-da for Indians |
| Novr | 7 | 6 | 6 | 7 | Novr | 7 | " | 13 | 84 | 210 | who had engaged |
| " | 14 | 7 | 6 | 2 | " | 14 | " | 15 | 24 | 60 | to Emigrate but |
| | | | | 44 | | | | | 528 | 1320 | finally refused to |
| Octr | 13 & 14 | 8 | 5 | 2 | Octr | 13 | Octr | 14 | 20 | 50 | go — |
| | | | | | | | | | 548 | 1370 | |

I certify on honor that the above mentioned forage was issued as stated —

Novr 15th 1834 —

W. Hunter Capt.
agent Creek removal

Capt John Page Will pay the above account

Alston Hill
Supt

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Gonaud 27th May 1838

Captain Page

Sir

I will furnish the Creeks Indians who are about to Emigrate according to your proposals on the following Terms - Viz for each ration Nineteen & a half Cents (19½) ~~for the~~ Corn at two dollars pr Bushel. fodder two dollars 12½/100 per hundred pounds

Respectfully

Luther Blake

Captain John Page
Col Mitchell

Proposals

Ch. 27
Lt Hamilton

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Columbus 28 May 1835

Sir

I agree to furnish according to your proposals the Creek emigrants with rations at Eighteen cents Corn at One dollar & seventy five cents, Fodder at Two dollars 12½ cts ℔ 100 ℔ —

A. Burdon

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Gerard 24. May 1835

Captain Page

I agree to furnish the Auto Emigrants according to your proposals on the following terms, say for each Ration, Fourteen & one half Cents. Corn at One dollar & Sixty two & ½ Cents ₱ Bushel, Fodder Twodollars ₱ 100lbs. — —

Wm Williamson

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Ft. Mitchell Ala
May 20th 1835

Sir

I will furnish the Creek Emigrating Indians rations for fourteen cents pr ration & the Team corn at one dollar & fifty cents pr. bush, & fodder at two dollars pr one hundred pounds—

Respectfully your
obt. Svt
S. C. Benton

Capt Jno. Page
U.S.A.

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Columbus
May 29th 1835

Capt John Page

Sir I propose to furnish the Contract for Subsisting the present party of Emigrating Creek Indians at twelve & a quarter cents per Ration and Corn at one dollar & fifty cents per bushell and fodder two dollars per hundred pounds and will hold myself Ready to Comply with terms of your advertisement

Yours Respectfully

Alex Robison

Capt John Page
Disbursing Agent
Indian Emigration

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Gerard 28th May 1835

Capt. Page

Sir

I will agree to furnish the Creek Emigrants according to your proposals on the following terms, for each Ration twelve & one half cents (12½) Corn at One dollar & fifty cents and Fodder at One dollar 87½ cents ⅌ 100 lbs.

Yr Respectfully
James Wadsworth

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Gennard 25. May 1835

Sir I agree to furnish the Creek Emigrants according to your proposals on the following terms viz Say for each ration Fourteen cents, Corn pr Bushel One dollar & fifty cents, Fodder pr hundred One dollar and Eighty seven½ cents,

Wm. D Hargrove

Ft Mitchell
31st May 1835

Sir

I will furnish the Emigrating Creek Indians rations for twelve cents pr Ration, & the hay corn for one dollar & fifty cents pr bush & fodder at one dollar & twenty five cents pr one hundred pounds

Respy yrs
[illegible]

Capt Jno O'Leary
U.S.A.

S. Crowell

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Columbus 29th May 1835

Capt John Page

Sir

I propose to furnish the Contract for Subsisting the Present party of emigrating Creek Indians at Clover & 3/4 cents per Ration and Corn at One Dollar & 48 Cents per bushel and Fodder at One Dollar & 98 cents Per Hundred pounds and will hold myself Ready to Comply with terms of your advertisement

Yours Respectfully

R. A. Love

Capt John Page
Disbursing Agent
Indian Emigration

Capt. Page Sir I will furnish the Contract for Subsisting the Creek Indians at ten cents a Ration and Corn at one dollar & fifty cents and fodder at one dollar & Seventy five cents and will give bond on information of my bid being Received

Fort Mitchell
May 30th 1834

James H Grace
Henry County Ala

Capt John Page

Contractors
Fort Mitchell

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Columbus May 29th
1835

Capt John Page

Sir

I propose to furnish the contract for subsisting the present party of emigrating Creek Indians at ten cents per Ration and corn at one Dollar & fifty cents per Bushel and fodder two Dollars per hundred pounds and will hold myself ready to comply with terms of your advertisement—

Yours Respectfully
J. Hugh Lore

Capt John Page
Disbursing Agent
Indian Emigration

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Guard 27. May 1835

Sir

I will furnish the Creek emigrants according to your proposals on the following terms. for each Ration Ten cents — Corn ℔ Bushel One dollar & fifty cents. for Fodder One dollar & Seventy five cents ℔ 100 lbs

Respectfully

M. Elliott

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Fort Mitchell 28th May 1835

Sir

I will furnish supplies to the emigrating party of Indians from the Creek Nation to Memphis Tennessee, agreable to your advertisement with rations, at the following price. — at 9 7/8 cents per ration per day

I will also furnish supplies for the teams & pack horses at — $1.75, one dollar & twenty five cents per bushell and fodder at $2.50 per hundred. at such times and places as may be required. —

I am respectfully your obedient & humble Servt

James Bell

John Page

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Irwinton May 13th 1835

Capt Page Sir I will furnish the Contract for Subsisting the Emigrating Creek Indians at nine and three fourth Cents per Ration and Corn at one dollar and forty nine cents per bushell and fodder at one dollar and ninety nine cents per hundred pound and comply with the Requisitions of your advertisement as soon as you may require John M Moore

Capt J Page

I will furnish rations to the emigrating
Creek Indians for 9½ cents per ration and
Corn at one dollar and forty five cents
per Bushel and fodder or hay at two dollars
and ten cents per hundred

29 May 1835 Geddy Carr

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Roanoake 20th May 1835

Capt John Page

Sir

I will furnish rations to the emigrating party of indian from the creek nation to Memphis Tennessee, with rations agreeable to your advertisement. at the fowing stated prices.

for each ration at 9 20/100 cents per day

I will also furnish supplies for the teams and pack horses for said indians agreeable to said advertisement at one dollar & sixty ~~two~~ & a half cents per bushell and fodder or hay at two dollars & 25 cents per hundred pounds. - or oats at a proportionate price -

I am with respect
yours &c

Shem Thompson

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Capt. Page

Sir

I will furnish the Creek Indians emigrating from this to Arkansaw as per your advertisement at the following rates - the ration at (9 C) nine cents to consist of one pound of fresh beef or pork or three fourths of a pound salt pork or bacon & one pound of flour or three fourths of a quart of corn or corn meal - I will also furnish the waggons & pack horses engaged in the emigration with provender at the following rate [illegible] - Corn at one dollar & twenty five cents ($1.25) per bushel & fodder at one dollar & twenty five cents per hundred $1.25 [illegible] -

S. M. Ingersoll

May 28th 1835

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Capt Page

Sir

I will furnish the emigrating Indians according to your notice, at Eight cts per ration - and corn at one dollar and fifty cts per bushel -
and fodder or hay at three dollars per hundred pounds

I am with regard your friend

C. Johnson

Ft Mitchell ala
30th May 1835

No. 10

David Burks

Stuart County G Nisy th 20 1835

Capt John Page

Sir I will furnish the Indian immigrants for eight cents a Ration and corn at one dollar and fifty cents per bushell for corn two cents a pound for fodder please let me know if my bid will take it

David Burks

Capt John Page

Proposals

Capt John Page

Fort Mitchell

Ala Creek

Fort Mitchell
May 30th 1835

Capt John Page

Sir I will furnish the Contractor for supplying the Creek emigrations at the rate of eighty cents per bushel and Corn at two Dollars -- -- cents per bushel and fodder at twelve cents per pound and carefully with your Requisition when required

Wm Cawthon

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Gerard. 27. May 1835

Captain Page

Sir I will furnish the rations for the Creek emigrants according to your terms of proposal for each ration "Eight cents" for corn One dollar ⅌ Bushel, for fodder One Dollar & thirty seven and a half ct ⅌ ~~Bushel~~ One hundred lbs. the required security can be given

P. J. Murray

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Columbus, 28. May 1835

Capitain Page

Sir

I agree to furnish the emigrating Creeks according to your proposals on the following terms viz. say for each ration Seven Cents, Corn at One dollar & twenty five Cents, Fodder at One dollar & thirty seven½ cts

Respectfully —

James Danielle

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Fort. Mitchell May the 31st 1835

I will furnish the rations wanted in the advertisement for 7¼ cents

& Corn for $1.00 per Bushell
Fodder for $1.00 per hundred

Elijah C. Walker

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Capt Page
Sir

I will agree to furnish the Creek nation of Indians emigrating from this & other parts of the nation, to Memphis in Tennessee, with provisions as specified in the advertisement, at Seven (7) cents each ration. – Each ration to consist of One pound of fresh beef or pork, or, three fourths of a pound of salt pork or bacon; and one pound of flour, or three fourths of a quart of corn or corn meal. –

I will also furnish the wagon & pack horses engaged in the emigration with provender at the following rates – viz – Corn at One Dollar per bushel & Fodder at One Dollar per One Hundred pounds. –

Chas D Howell Co –

Columbus May 30th 1835

Staunton May 25th 1894

Capt John Page

Sir I will furnish the contract for feeding the quartermaster Indians at 6¾ cents per ration and corn at $1.37½ cents per bushel and fodder at $2.25 cents per hundred pounds and give bond and security in five days

J G F Martin

Capt John Page

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Henry County Ala
20 May 1833

Sir I will furnish the Emigrating Creek Indians for ~~thirteen cents~~ Six ½ Cts pr Ration Corn for one dollar pr Bu and fodder for one dollar pr hundred pounds.

Respectfully Your S
R. R. Knight

Columbus 28 May 1835

Capt. Page

Sir

I will obligate myself to furnish the Creek Emigrants with rations at Six cents, Corn at One dollar & seventy five cents ⅌ Bushel, Fodder at Two dollars ⅌ 100 lbs.

Landy Barnett

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Capt Page Sir

I will furnish the emigrating Creek Indians as per your advertisement on the following termes viz. the ration at six cents (6¢) to consist of the articles & quantities set forth in your advertisement. I will also furnish forriage for the horses & mules engaged in transporting said Indians at the following rate viz corn per bushel at seventy five cents ~~per bushel~~ & fodder at one dollar per hundred pounds.

Columbus 28th May 1835

James Grigsby

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) CAPT.JOHN PAGE,DISB.AGENT (INDIANS & TEXAS. PROSPECT OF EMIGRATION DULL.ETC)

Creek 43. Referred.

Leonard Tarrant
Mardisville 27 March 1835
States, that the Creek Indians
have made a purchase of
lands in Texas, & are de-
termined to go thither

J. B.

Affidavit of Moses
Lick of Montgomery
Co. Ala. & wife Betsy

FILE

No. 15 a/d

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Hand Draft
Referred 15th April.

Mardisville Ala
27th March 1835

Sir

at a Council at Coosawda near Tuskegee the County seat of Macon County. The Indians held their Councils altogether in private. I believe the Chief Object of the meeting was to give an account of their late visit to Texas after they had interchanged their views and opinions with each other, they sent for and gave me an account of their visit to Texas and of their determination to emigrate forthwith or as soon as practicable to that Country. And showed me an Instrument of Writing by which it appeared. by which it appeared they had made a purchase of A gentleman by the name of Hudgkiff Agent for a Spanish or Mexican Gentleman by the name of Brasoris of a grant of Land belonging to Brasoris They have agreed to pay for this grant Eighty Thousand dollars Twenty thousand of which they are to pay immediately. and the balance When the Title to the Grant is Completed by Brasoris. It is a large body of land and described by the delegation to be One hundred Miles square. I could not learn from them where the grant of land lies but it is described by them as being wholly unin habitted. Tuskenehaw. Apothle Yoholo. Mad blue and Little Doctor held a private Communication with me, and from them I learned that they were unwilling that

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I should communicate their views to the President but they are extremely anxious to have a conference with him themselves. I think they are fearful that that he would not approve of the course they have adopted. but would urge them to go to Arkansaw a place which they seem to have an unconquerable aversion to. from what I could learn of their views they wish the President to call a delegation to Washington. and think if they could see him and converse with him themselves. he would forward their views. They wish to make some arrangement in relation to their perpetual Annuity and to be allowed to emigrate themselves to the Country they have purchased. their Object I believe is to raise the money to pay for their late purchase. from what I could learn of them I believe wish Barnet Lindsey a Whiteman who has married a native to accompany them to Washington. as he went with them to Texas and has their confidence his Interest they consider identified with theirs.

I knew not what advice to give them on the subject as I had no knowledge of the course the Department would pursue in such a case. and of course proposed to communicate their wishes to to the Department which they seemed unwilling for me to do. I have however thought it my duty to apprise the Department of these movements and if it is not inconsistent with propriety I wish this communication to be considered a private one as the Department is more in possession of the wishes of these people. I see no necessity in letting them know by what means this information was

Obtained. I feel however justified in what I have done as the Department can now forward or assent their views the latter of which I feel persuaded it will not do unless it is considered for the benefit of the Indians themselves.

I have the honor to be
Yr. Your mo. Obt. Svt.

Leonard Tarrant

The Hon. Lewis Cass
Department of War
Washington City
C.C.

Recd. at Detroit
Department of War
April 1 1835

War Dept
Aug. Apr 13 1835

17. Emig Creek

Capt. J. Page
Ft. Mitchell May 6th 1835

Detailing a conversation held by him with the delegation of Indians who have been to Texas

Corn & beef are very dear consequently the contracts this year must be higher on the east side of the Missi:

Rec'd May 15

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Rec'd 15 May

Fort Mitchell
Alabama 6th May 1895

Sir

Since I arrived here I have been so busy with my circuits that I have not been able to ascertain what the prospect of emigration is. I have not been to any of their towns but shall do so in a few days. Without I have conversed with since I returned none introduced the subject but have many enquiries to make about their new country and how the emigrants liked it after they got there.

It is not policy to come out at once and say I have come back to take off more Indians, for they get jealous and shy, but I tell them I have come back to provide means to move such as wish to emigrate and at the same time convince them it is no interest to me whether they go or stay, but that they must look into their own situation and see the prospect before them, consult with each other and judge for yourselves what is best, then you can let me know what your intention is. By pursuing this course they will be much more apt to get in the spirit of emigration and when a meeting is called it will be more generally attended and without that jealousy that is so frequent among them that when a meeting is called it is for the purpose of compelling them

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to a measure they were opposed to. On my arrival at New Orleans I met with Alfonte-le-Holo, Sebore and Ben Hawkins, they were the delegation sent to Texas to look and procure a tract of country for a portion of the Indians to move to; they were just on their return home, I came over to Mobile in the same steam-boat with them. We were on board some considerable time and nothing passed between us about emigration. They supposed I would introduce the subject at once, but I determined not to do it, I was convinced they would not stand it long before they would introduce it themselves, they accordingly done so and the more indifferent I was to talk about it, the more anxious they appeared to be to converse on the subject, and questioned me very strongly about their new home.—
I then commenced and gave them a correct and at the same time flattering account of those that were over there; in doing this, my object was, to do away a jealousy and prejudice that existed with them, and at the same time without their knowing my object. I soon discovered what their intentions were. In the first place, when they left from Texas they were under the impression the Government would move them there, if they procured a country. They asked me what I thought about it. I told them they have no right to expect this to be done, neither could they promise themselves anything, but that the Government would fulfil the treaty and they have no right to expect more. I told Alfonte-le-Holo he could overcome few others who had money, but as to the poor Indians who had

anything it was impossible for them to get one third of the money them which they readily admitted.—

I told him he was in duty bound to conclude upon something immediately that his people were waiting on him and he would let the time pass when it would be too late to receive any aid from the Government and then his people would attribute the whole blame to him and he would be in a hard situation.—

I told him if he took advantage of the treaty when they got to their new country all his people after they got their Rifles, ammunition, he worked and was anxious promising they would be as able to go to Texas as he would if they thought proper to go, but if he was not on the alert he would sacrifice all these privileges to his people.

I think he has made up his mind what to do, that is, to write on and see if the Government will render any assistance to them to get them to Texas, if they will not, to take advantage of the treaty and move to Louisiana, I forwarded Alfothle-Holata has empowered Ben Hardin to see what can be done as he passed through here the other day on his way to Washington City, and the quickness the business is made known to the Indians the better it will be for them as also to the Government.

Alfothle Holata is the main man to decide the question with the Indians, though I believe many of his

people have lost confidence in him for the course he is pursuing. He is decidedly the smartest Indian in the Creek Nation and they feel more than any other chief in the Nation.

Major Hogan I presume is on his way home taking a circuitous route through the Nations, I expect him in Fort Smith every day when I probably should know what the prospect is in that part of the Nation he has traveled through.

The Contractors on this side of the Mississippi this year must inevitably be high. Corn cannot be procured for less than one dollar per Bushel, all the Mail Contractors pay that and transport it at the point they want it, at their own expense. Beef is also very high there are so many speculators coming into the Country that beef is in great demand.

The settlers in the Nation and its vicinity do not pretend to keep sheep & cattle the Indians kill them up so fast, they depend on purchasing all to gather. Sheep will come very low when we strike Capt Brown's Contract in Arkansas.

He was very fortunate in closing his contract soon as he did for when I got to New Orleans corn was worth one dollar and twelve and a half cents more, there seems should not need the demand, I must numerous persons are then away up the river to make large purchases.

Rec'd Lyon's & Gibson
Commissary General of Subsistence
Washington City

Write perfect
I have the honor to be
Your obt. Servt
John Pitch
Lt Agent

Q. G. Emig Bureau

Capt. John Page
Ft. Mitchell May 9th 1835

Has rec'd letter 28 April
& Circular 28 Feby &c

The Ind.s are waiting
to hear from Washington
as to their wishes, to
remove to Texas &c

Rec'd 19 May

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Rec'd 19 May

Fort Mitchell
Alabama 9th May 1835

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th of April and circular of the 28th February and copy of Col. Hogans instructions.

P.S. There appears to be a considerable excitement among the white people and the Indians in the vicinity of this place. They do not appear disposed to talk about emigration at this time. I can account for it in this way. There is to be a meeting of the Chiefs shortly and the Indians generally but both to see what the object of this meeting is; no particular day is appointed for them to assemble. I understand they are waiting to hear from Washington to see if the Government will sustain them in their Lower friends. If they find the Treaty will be complied with and they need not expect any thing more they will come to some settled point. Me-he-Mico who is chief of this part of the nation is opposed to emigration and always has been, for he finds no difficulty in living here having pensions to sustain him and it is done in this way. When the annuity is paid out the chiefs meet Alpoth le-Hola. takes one half and Me he Mico the other. it is paid out of the Agents hands into them; a second meeting is called by him to divide this money. he pays what claims are presented by one or two individuals and no other, the balance

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remains in his hands to defray expenses that might come against the Nation. After the second meeting was called to divide the money among the different towns I see them repeatedly and they told me there never was the first dollar received and in fact I know it to be the case. this is what makes this old chief so easy and offered to emigration When the annuity comes. he will not find a place to get money when ever he calls for it. I am well aware that while the annuity is paid out this side of the Mississippi as it was last year a few individuals who are offered to emigration will get the whole of it and not one dollar will be paid to the different towns, I will admit it would not do them much good there is so much whisking about but it would prevent these opposers to emigration from living in affluence when the other Indians are starving

With respect
I have the honor to be
your obt servant
John Page Capt &
Disbursing Agent
Creek Nat'n

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl Dept
Washington City

101. Emig Creek

Capt. J. Page

Ft. Mitchell May 13th 35

Has rec.d the letter of instructions of 29th ult.

The prospect of Emigration is dull

Rec.d 23 of May

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Rec'd 23 May

Fort Mitchell
Alabama 13th May 1895

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of instructions dated 29th April together with a blank Muster Roll for wagons & teams &c.

I was in doubt whether I could carry into effect Col Hagan's plan of emigration without some assistance in the disbursing dept; but on examining your letter of instructions of the 29th of April it can be done I believe with safety in the manner pointed out, by making the conductors accountable for small amounts. I see no way by which I can leave here until the very last party that will emigrate this year goes, as there would be no one left to prepare for a second or third party should they take a notion to go. It must be evident to the dept that there should be but one person to engage teams wagons &c, or even if they have the forces and should have, this duty would have to be done by the Emigrating Agent on his dept. and I would have to pay the accounts on his Requisition. Col Hagan is not disposed to take any thing of this kind upon himself if it can be avoided I think. At present the prospect of emigration is dull. I shall be much engaged employing teams advertising for Proposals &c in the event they should be required, but all my engagements are contingent.

I do not know what I shall do for a person to act as I should the emigration go on some what brisk. I can not employ any one

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that would answer my purpose for the price allowed
When I employ a person he acts in all capacities.—
When there are parties at different points I have to purchase and
ipare, till they join the main party. I always direct him to
arrive there before he ipares rations and frequently conducts
them to the place where the main rendezvous are. Col Hogan
tells me he shall accompany the first party that goes, part of the
way. the duties will involve mostly on me during his absence
It is necessary that I should have with me a responsible man
and capable of doing all kinds of business.—
I hired Mr Beatie last year. he engaged more for the
novelty of the thing, said if he could clear his expenses it was
all he wished; he performed the trip much to my satisfaction
but the severe winter and the journey he had to take through
the Mississippi Swamp has gratified his curiosity
The least a person can live for in Alabama is $2.. per day for
himself and horse and frequently travaling about $3.00
Col Hogan has not as yet been able to report any probable
number that will emigrate. he is now in the Nation, so
soon as it can be ascertained. I will estimate accordingly

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your ~~obt~~ Servt
John Page
Sub Ind Agent
Creek Nat'l

Brig Genl George Gibson
Com. Genl Subs
Washington City

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) CAPT.JOHN PAGE,DISB.AGENT (REQUISITIONS,A/ CS,STATEMENTS,ETC)

C5/3/8

10th Army Creek

Capt. John Page
Fort Mitchel 25 May 1835

Has rec.d the letter of 12th May relative to certain public property at Montgomery

Will go to Montgomery after 31 May to attend to this property

Has paid some attention to it to Lt. Hove.

Inc 3.d

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Fort Mitchell Alabama
25th May 1865

June 3d

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst on the subject of some Public property at Montgomery. - I paid off some accounts to Lieut Hoge that he incurred repairing other goods; I have not heard from the Quartermaster as yet he was to dispose of the damaged property and notify me of the same. -

I shall have to go to Montgomery to attend to this business, but cannot start till the 31st of this month as my contract for furnishing the emigrating Indians with rations closes on that day. -

The several packages of blanks forwarded to this place have been recieved

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your Obedient servant
John Pope Capt &
Disbursing Agent
Cherokee Removal

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl Dept
Washington City

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103 Emig Creek

Capt. John Page
Fort Mitchell, June 26th
1835.

Sends Mr. Sayre's statement relative to the public property stored at Montgomery.

and also the Bill of the Auctioneer of the property sold.

Mr. Sayre's letter withdrawn and filed on "Creek file".

July 6.

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Re: Cuba

Fort Mitchell
Alabama 26th June 1836

Sir

I have the honor to report to you that was not in my power to go to Montgomery to attend to the Public property there on the 1st of this month as I expected to have done.

The payment of the annuity to the Indians prevented Lieut Davis arrived here on the 16th Inst which was on this duty, on my return I sent him to do the business as instructed.

Enclosed you will receive Mr Saynes statement about this property. He is unwilling to deduct any thing for the loss of the Rifles, damages &c. It cannot be stopped till your direction is known on the subject.

Please inform me if the transportation of this property will be paid for by me after it is delivered to the Apt Qr Master at New Orleans.

Enclosed you will receive (a copy) of the Auctioneers bill of the property sold

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt
John Page Capt
Disbursing Agent

Brig Genl George Gibson
Commy Genl Subs
Washington City

Enclosure No 106

Capt. John Page
Ft Mitchell, 5th July 1835

Sendg a Return
for the quarter ending
30th June 1835.

The daily expenses
are very great and
without much good
effect in the Terry &c.
and they will continue
to be great when the
Emigration commen-
ces

July 15th

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Rcd 15 July

Fort Mitchell Ala
5th July 1883

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith a return for the Quarter ending 30th June 1883 I have paid Some few Agents that have been appointed the ballance of them are so scattered through the Nation that their accounts cannot be obtained I believe there are something like 19 or 20 Agents appointed and the number of Interpreters I do not know but a great many are employed Col Logan has requested me to send Lieut Dras in the different parts of the Nation to pay them off. the daily expence at this time is very great and without any effect I have always thought the experiment might be tried and thoroughly ascertained without one fourth the expence we are now incurring whether they would emigrate or not. I reminded him of his report of Agents which I presume you have got You can calculate the expence or Totrouble near it.

I have studied economy myself and shall practice it so far as it is in my power to do the present prospect for emigration is very dull with all the agts & interpreters appointed a party of five hundred cannot be raised I mention this subject as a matter of duty and that the department may be apprised of the daily expence and without effect Col Hogan has exerted himself to get the Indians to emigrate and has spared no expence but without effect thus far should the emigration does commence it will be attended with great expence

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your Obt. Servt
John Page Capt
Sterling Regt

Brig. Gen. Geo. Gibson
Commissary Genl
Subsistence
Washington City

Recd 16th

Army Creeks 117

Capt. J. Page

Fort Mitchell 9th July 1835

relative to the claim of Solon Sims and others -

Thinks Sims is the only one just -

July 20

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Recd. 20th July

Fort Mitchell Alabama
9th July. 1835

Sir

John Sims who was appointed an apt Agent by Colo Hill. presented an account for me to pay. I knew he had been appointed by Colo Hill and ordered in the nation on duty. after Colo Hills was withdawn, Sims presented his account, (Col Hill having left) I did not pay it. for the want of the necessary certificate He has sent his account to you with his appointment for your decision not having heard anything from it requests that you will decide whether he shall be paid or not I discharged Mr. Sims as soon as I had the authority; he tells me he rendered his account up to the date of his discharge with his appointment. there were many other accounts presented to me for payment but I did not recognise any of them and assured them if they sent them to washington City, it would not avail any thing.

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Sims is the only one I have thought proper to mention or has any just claim

With Respect &c
I have the Honour to
be your Obedt Servt
John Page Capt &
Disbursing Agent

Brig Genl Geo. Gibson
Commsy Genl Sub
Washington City

Lr Capt. John Sims, 10 Jan. 1815
re claim — MMcN —

Eng. Creek 108

Capt. John Page
Fort Mitchell, 5 July 1835.

Sends bids and bond for supplying rations to Indians.

Letter

Rec'd 21 Aug

Rec'd 21 July

Fort Mitchell Ala
5th July 1855

Sir

I have the honor to Enclose herewith the Several Bids to furnish the Emigrating Creeks with Rations from this place to Memphis Tenn. for the present Year to gether with the Bonds for the fulfillment of the Same bids No 1 Elijah Walker takes the Contract

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your Obt. Servt

John Page capt &
Disbursing Agent
Creek Emi

Brig Gen Geo Gideon
Comd Gen. Subst.
Washington City

112 Emig Creek

From
Capt John Page
Ft Mitchell Ala
29 July '38

Rec'd letter of 24th in answer
to his of 5th Inst — also the
bids to furnish Creek Indn
Emigrants with rations. —
Speaks of bids to furnish the
Creek ~~Indians~~, and sends
Articles of Agreement with
Col Walker.

10 August

Rec'd 10 aug.

Fort Mitchell,
Alabama 29th July 1835

Sir —

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 24th inst. acknowledging the receipt of my letter 5th instant in relation to the several bids to furnish the Creek emigrants with rations.

The lowest bidder offered for 6 cents, I called on the gentleman and he said he did not offer to furnish for 6 cents neither did he authorise any person to do so for him. The person that offered for 7 cents declined entering into bonds after he found the price of beef was so high. I waited on him several days and at the Council of Indians, I met there people, and Col Walker was there he was willing to enter into bond and he declined until I assured him there was no probability of an emigration till the new crop of corn would be in market. I required bonds at that time from Col Walker and then in consequence of an acquaintance of his he asked him to be one of his securities.

I do not think it was a matter of speculation because the bid is as low as authorises the purchase from. Col Walker is a wealthy man and has a large stock of cattle and can afford to furnish lower than any other bidder, or the contract

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would not have gone so low as it did. Mr Howell ascertained he could not purchase beef at such a rate as to save himself in the contract which is a fact and as to fodder he can not purchase it for less than $1,50 and more frequently $2,00 and ~~two~~ $2,50 per hundred this I am sure of. The articles of agreement was made out wrong and I had to send ~~it~~ the back to Col Walker again and have received the only three days since, which I have — with inclose to you

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your obt servt
John Pierson
Capt & Disbursing Agent

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl Army

Washington City

Emig. Creek 113 referred

Hon. J. Polk
Washington 23 Feby 1835
Recommends Col
Wm Hagan as an
Agent in Creek Cond.

Washington. Feby 23. 1835
From
~~Samuel H. Walker~~
Col Wm Hagan
Recom as emigrating
Agent by Hon Mr Polk

26 Feby 1835
Indian office
Mr. Francis Cox
Chairman of Mr.
Washington City.

Rept. WB

Sept 2.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Recd 25th
Referred by War Dept to Ind Emigr Sept 2. 1835

Washington City
Feby 23d 1835

Hon. Lewis Cass
Secretary of War

Sir

I am requested to state my knowledge of Col. William Hagan, now a citizen of Alabama, and who has been I understand recommended for the appointment of emigrating agent for the Creeks. During the years 1823 & 1824 I knew Col. Hagan. He was at that time a member of the Legislature of Tennessee. He sustained a good character, is a man of respectable talents, and is I have no doubt fully competent to discharge the duties of emigrating agent, which is solicited for him.

I have the Honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
James K Polk

114 Spring Creek

Capt. John Page
Fort Gibbons
Sept. 6th 1835

Have rec.d letters of 22d aug.t
Lt. Dears has been
sent to Montgomery to attend
to the public property.
Is paying off accounts.
Cannot render his accounts until
Col. Hogan return.

The contractors for
removing the Indi: have ap=
=pointed 22 Sept. to bring in
the Indn. to camp.

Think the Gov.t has
made a good contract.

16. Sept.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec'd 16 Sept

Fort Mitchell
Alabama 6th September 1835

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters 22d of last month.-

I have directed Lieut Deas to proceed to Montgomery and forward the Public property as directed, having made all the enquiries necessary and satisfied with the explanations relative to it.-

I am paying off the amount of the present emigration, I have two Asst Agents, probably they have Interpreters to pay, so soon, as I can find out where they reside.- There has been no expense incurred by me except the services of a clerk for one month to arrange my papers at $2,50 per day. All my contracts for teams, provisions &c were conditional, that is, if I called them into service I would pay them; if they made any arrangements it would be at their own expense and risk, that the movement of Indians was too uncertain to make it otherwise. I have written to all of them and referred them to the contractors since your letter of the 22d and they have promised to employ them when teams are wanted.-

All the debts are for Asst Agents and Interpreters the amount for that part of the emigration in the

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present Crown is very considerable. —

I will render my accounts as soon as possible but I shall be compelled to wait for the return of Col Hagan as I find some mistake in the orders he has drawn on me for the pay of Capt & Lieut

The Contractors have branched out in different parts of the Nation, they appear to be ambitious in the cause and I wish they may be successful They have appointed the 22d Inst to commence bringing the Indians in Camp.

Ben Marshall told me he had written on to Washington to move his own people but now which time he has seen the Contractors and prefers going with them. There have been so many persons employed during the present summer that are discharged, that they are eminent to the present arrangement unless they are employed again

It is a good contract on the part of the Government if the contractors can succeed in getting them off. In about fifteen days I hope I shall be able to inform the Dept the favorable success

With respect
I have the honor to be
your obt servt
John Pope Capt &
Disbursing Agent

Brig Genl George Gibson
Comm Genl Subs
Washington City

120 Tassing Creek

From
Capt. John Page
Fort Mitchell, 10 Nov. 35

Encloses Acct of Subsist.
for 3d Quarter 1835. — Vouchers
No. 18 & 19 being deficient of
requisitions has written to
Col. Hogan at Mobile for them
to forward.
Mentions withdrawal of Jno.
Spafford from Contract, also
that the other Contractors are af-
-sembling the Inds who wish to
emigrate this fall & that they
have sent out a party to notify
them, which St. Cear & Randall
accompany &c. — Asks
permission to visit Washington
to get his Acct. closed &c.

Ans 21st

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Recd. Nov 21

Fort Mitchell
Alabama 18th Nov 1835

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you my accounts for disbursements in the Creek Removal for the 3d quarter of 1835. Voucher No. 18 & 19 (W Kelly & David Conner) are deficient of requisitions. Col Hogan said he did not know how many days Conner & his Interpreter were entitled as they were temporary appointments but requested me in a letter to pay them and his Interpreter for the number of days they claimed, I done so, he left here for Mobile without giving me the requisitions although it was his intention to have done so, I overtook it the time he left and was unable to attend to it, I have written to Col Hogan in Mobile requesting him to forward them to this place after which I will forward them to you. Col Hogan I presume will return from Mobile in December or January. Genl Sanford has withdrawn from the contract, the balance of the contractors are now assembling the Indians that wish to go this fall and are going to pass through the Nation and take with them all that wish to emigrate, having sent agents.

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on a head to notify the Indians to hold themselves in readiness as the party passes along. the ex a few
How many they will take is uncertain. Lieut Deas and Capt Randall accompany the party.
Col Hagan left one of his asst. behind to superintend during his absence. he left here yesterday for Tallassee & Montgomery but said he would see the party before they left the Nation. –

Lieut Deas commences encamping with them and will be with them from the start and see that the contract is strictly fullfilled. I have furnished him with the necessary funds for the expedition till they return.

There will be no more emigration till spring after the present party start. I will thank you for permission to come on to Washington that I may endeavor to get my accounts closed for the three last quarters which remain unsettled. –

In the 2d Comptrollers office many explanations will be required, if I come on the spot I can make them satisfactorily. When Col Hagan returns he will be engaged investigating Indian claims and it will take him till spring to get through. this is a duty I have nothing to do with. If Col Hagan was present I should present vouchers for his signature but think it unnecessary to present them to the person he has appointed to act in his place. As the contractors progress I will give you

the earliest information. I shall accompany them a few days on the march when they start

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your obt Servt
John Page Capt &
Disbursing Agent
Creek Emigration

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Commdg Genl Subs
Washington City

121 Foreign Corresp.

From
Capt. Jno. Page —
Ft. Mitchell Ala. Nov 35 —

Encloses Monthly Statement of letters for Oct. 1835, & relates to some property shipped at Montgomery on 7 Sept. — says in consequence of sickness during Oct. did not notify Dept. of the shipment — Refers to his last letter in which he requested permission to visit Washington & wishes it granted

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Fort Mitchell
Alabama 15th Nov 1835

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a statement of letters written and received during the month of October 1835.

The property at Montgomery was shipped on the 7th of Sept but Mr Sayre did not inform me till I wrote to him on the subject.

During the month of October I was very sick which is the reason I did not notify you the date of shipment of this property and acknowledge the receipt of other communications.

In my last communication I requested permission to come to Washington to settle my accounts if the good of the service will permit it & hope it may be granted

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your obt servant
John Page Capt &
Disbursing Agent

Brig Genl George Gibson
Comdg Genl of Subsistence
Washington City

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) CAPT.JOHN PAGE,DISB.AGENT (BIDS FOR RATIONS,RETURNS.COL WALKERS AGREEMENT,ETC)

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Ennig 125 - Creek

Wm Capt. Jno: Page

Ft. Mitchell 3 Dec. 1835

Vouchers were required by the W.D. Nov. 19. in Accts for 3. Quarter 1835.

and are Knowledged letter of 19th Ultimo. &c

14 Decr

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec'd. 14 Dec.

Fort Mitchell
Alabama 5th December 1835

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith two requisitions to be attached to vouchers No. 18-19 in my accounts for the third quarter of this year. also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 19th of last month acknowledging the receipt of my accounts and granting me permission to go to Washington City to close my accounts. I shall leave here when the service will permit, which will be in a few days

With respect
I have the honor
to be your obt servt

John Page Capt
Disbursing Agent
Creek Removal

Brig Genl G. G. Gibson
Comm Genl Sub
Washington City

Rec'd H. Dec

Fort Mitchell
Alabama 1st June 1835

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a statement of letters received and written in the month of November 1834 all on the subject of Indian Emigration

With respect
I am your obt Servt

John Page Capt
Disbursing Agent

Brig General Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl Dept
Washington

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) DR.B.RANDALL,ASST.SURGEON (APPOINTED TO CREEK EMIG. REPORTS FOR DUTY.SMALL PARTY FOR EMIGRATION)

C 128

Emig. 98 Creek

from

Doct. B. Randall

Ft. Mitchell, 8 Nov. '35-

States, that owing to the unfavorable season but a small party will emigrate, attended by Doct. Inguoll, Contractor, and asks if it would not be policy to retain him for 2. party.

17 Nov.

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Recd 17 NW

Fort Mitchell Ala:
Nov 8. 1835

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that owing to the unfavourable season of the year for an emigration, it is the general opinion that but a small party will go; and as it will be acompanied by Doctor Ingersall, (one of the Contractors) who has the reputation among them of being a good Physician, would it not be policy to retain me to send with the second party?

Should you conclude to retain me. be pleased to inform me immediately

I would have consulted Col: Hogan on the subject - but I have not yet seen him

Your obt Servt
B Randall
Asst Surgeon

Genl. George Gibson
C. G. S
Washington City

Enclosure 97 Creek

From

Lt. B. Randall

Ft. Mitchell 24 Oct. 1835

Mentions his having arrived and reported for duty.

3d Nov

Emigration of Indians

Commissary General of Subsistence
Washington City
By Mitchell
25 Oct

D. Green

Rec'd 29

Sent

Mail Feb 12

Mission

Recd Nov

Fort Mitchel October 24th 1835

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that that I have this day arrived, and reported myself for duty.

Your obt Servt
B Randall
Asst Surgeon

Major S H Hook
A C G Subsistence
Washington City

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Emigration of Indians

Commissary General of Subsistence
Washington City
by Mitchell
25 Oct

D. Green

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Reply to the

Chapin

95 Army Corps

From
Dr. B. Randall
Bay of St. Louis, Oct 11-1835.

states that he shall, having been relieved by Dr. Jones, proceed to Mobile Ala. &c

Chas. Mellis assist Surg

" Orders
ach Army Ala.
Quartermaster Commdg
Mobile City &c

OCT 28 1835

Ans. 26.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Recd 2 Nov

Bay of St. Louis Miss.
Octr 11th 1835

Having been relieved by Capt Jones a citizen surgeon from the duties of the Hospital at this place I shall leave in the first boat for Mobile Ala. The nearest available point to be reached from here, to my place of destination Montgomery in that State

I have the hon. to be
Your Obt Svt
B Randall
Asst Surgeon

To
Maj. Hook
acting Comdg Genl
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington City

92 Emig Dept

B. Randall

Bay of St. Louis

5. Oct. 1835.

Acknowledges letter of 15 ult. with Order No. 130.—

Will repair as directed so soon as relieved from charge of Sick &c.

24 Oct

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Recd Oct 21

City of St Louis
5th Octr 1835.

Sir.

Yours of the 15th Sept. accompanying one No 150 is duly received

I shall repair as directed as soon as I am relieved from charge of the sick a surgeon has been sent for to New Orleans

I am sir.

Very respectfully.

Your Obt. Svt.

B Randolph
Asst Surgeon

To Maj. Noah
Actg Comy Genl.

Emigration of Indians
Commissary Genl's Office
Washington City.

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| 1835 | CREEK (EMIGRATION) | J.W.A.SANFORD & CO. | (MAKE CONTRACT FOR REMOVING INDIANS.PROSPECTS GOOD.OPOTHLE YOHOLO PLEDGED TO TAKE A-PARTY.B.MARSHALL-TAKES PLACE OF S.C. BENTON.INDIANS IN COUNCIL FAVORABLE TO REMOVAL.DIFFICULTIES IN WAY OF CONTRACT & EXPENSES.COMPLAIN OF DELAYS OF DEPT) |

Creek 172 Referred

From John W. A. Sanford
Columbus, Nov 3. 182

Stating his withdrawal
from the Creek Contract

Rec'd Nov. 11. 1832

Nov 25 1832

Recd Jan. 12. 1833.

Matthew Kennedy & others
Cash

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Referred by Sec'y War 25th Nov
answ'd by Jun Sept 14th Nov.

Columbus, Ga. Nov 3rd 1835

Sir,

Having thus far, unsuccessfully attempted to fulfill my obligations, as one of the Company, engaged in the removal of the Creek Indians, and believing my services, no longer of any avail in the accomplishment of that object, amidst the continued accumulation of new difficulties, I consider it my duty to apprize the Department, at the earliest opportunity of my withdrawal, from that connexion. It may not be necessary, to enumerate the various causes which have led to that determination, but it would, perhaps be wrong not to mention, that the policy which has been adopted in the entire suspension, at this time, of the sale and certification of Indian lands in all cases whatever, has in itself alone, presented an insuperable obstacle to the undertaking; and so long as that measure is persisted in, must render all future attempts, at emigrating, whether of of the Gov'ts or of the Company alike useless and abortive. I have the honor to remain yr. mo: obt. Serv't

L. W. A. Sanford

To. Hon. Sec. of War

177 Ewing Creek

Muckle Rock No 6

J. W. A. Sanford & Co.
Columbus Ga.

Dec. 30 1835

Have sent off a small party of Creeks under Mr. Marshall Lt. Deas &c

Complain of the want of a heart, and active co-operation on the part of the Government agents &c

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Rec'd 14 Dec

Columbus Dec. 3. 1835

Sir

We have to state to the Department, that our work of Emigration has at length commenced – A party of Indians consisting of about five hundred left their encampment on Monday last, for the Arkansas, under the superintendance of Capt. Ingersoll and Bvt. Marshall, accompanied by Lieut. Deas of the Army & Agent Mr. Stimmerville and probably many in all supposed to be six or eight hundred. This present party is intended more as an experiment than otherwise, and as an inducement to further emigration next spring. The weather will be too cold for several weeks to carry on our operations & we shall suspend them untill February or March. We shall however in the mean time be actively engaged in preparing the minds of the Indians towards a general movement in the spring. From all the information we can obtain which we think may be relied upon [illegible] general disposition in all parts of the [illegible] number embraced in our Contract before the time limited. We are in full confident that by the first of July a much larger number may be got off; and we have to suggest to the Department the importance of obtaining at an early day a sufficient appropriation from Congress to cover the expense of their removal. The greatest obstacle at present presented to the speedy & complete removal of these people by the Contractors, is to be found in the confused state in which the Sale of their Reservations, seems to be involved. The examination into the alledged frauds, progresses very slowly, and we fear that the matter will be so much

prolonged, as to operate a serious injury to the success of our operations. If all the disputed cases could be settled in the course of the winter, and Agents appointed to certify contracts set aside, or which have never been made, we cannot doubt but that early in the spring or ensuing summer, almost the entire nation will have sold their lands and be ready & willing to move away. As long however as these disputed claims remain undecided, & the Indians are looking forward to the sale of their lands, those interested will of course be unwilling to leave & their stay, will detain others, their relations and friends. We have respectfully to request of the Government that it will hasten its operations upon this subject to a speedy termination, and notify the Indians thro' its Agents of its entire close, and of the final action of its officers in relation to these land cases.

We feel bound once again to request the Department, that the proper instructions be given to its agents and Officers there, to cooperate actively, with the Contractors in their efforts to induce the Indians to emigrate. We could derive great aid from the active & positive & zealous exertions of your principal Agents. Their Official station entitles them to much influence amongst the Indians, which if properly & judiciously exercised, would certainly produce a good effect. We regret to have formed the opinion that Col. Hogan has not heretofore pursued the course in relation to this company which we think he ought to have taken, and that he has not given us that assistance which his office & character would have commanded. We make no charge against Col. H. of unfaithfulness to the Govt. but we are constrained to say that he has been too lukewarm in his efforts to promote our success & has been too ready in the expression of opinions unfavorable to our operations, & the natural tendency

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of which is to defeat us. It is not necessary to particularize these surmisings; but if it should become proper to do so, we can point to conversations held too frequently by them, in which amongst other things they have expressed their entire want of confidence in our ability to perform our engagement, that we would be compelled in a short time to abandon the contract and that the old mode would again be resorted to. These, coupled with surmisings of ridicule & disparagement towards at least a portion of the Company have induced us to ~~suspect~~ ~~or fear that but it~~ ~~fear that~~ as an unfavourable prejudice against the Contractors and is not disposed to cooperate fully & fully with us in our efforts to accomplish the object in hand. We may have formed an erroneous opinion upon this delicate subject. if so, we shall regret it exceedingly; but we conscientiously believe the opinion here expressed, and so entertaining it, we have felt it due, as well to the Govt. as to ourselves to make it known to the Government. What course the Govt. should take in relation to it, is not for us to suggest or advise. We have no doubt the Department will do all in its power properly, to facilitate our operations, and we shall thereafter look with more confidence, to the effect of active influence of its Agents in our behalf.

We have this moment rec.d your favours of the 12th. & 23d. Ultimo the contents of which shall receive our most respectful consideration.

We are respectfully

Your Obt. Servts.

Jas. Gas. Gibson

J. M. A. Sanford Jr.

P.S. Mr Stix and the Copartnership name, altho. Jas. S. has retired from the active operations of the Co ——

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Columbus Dec 14. 1835

J. A. Mc Sanford

the reasons which induced him to adopt a determination expressed in a former letter

30 Dec 1835

23 Dec. 1835.
Indian Emigration Office.

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Columbus 183 Dec 23

Thos Jno: H. A. Sanford
Columbus Ohio
Receive Cols of Ill & Allen and state his reason for adopting the determination set in a former letter

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Referred 30 Dec.

Columbus, Dec. 14th 1835

Sir,

After several days' absence from this place, upon my return, I was honored in the receipt of your letter of the 14th ult.

I should be justly chargeable with a want of candour, not to acknowledge, that the determination expressed in mine of the 3rd ult. to which the one now before us is in reply, grew out of the failure of the Company to comply with the stipulations, they had agreed to perform, in the removal of the Indians, and from my convictions, that in the manifold difficulties, they had to encounter, there was but little prospect of their being able to do so, at any future period. Fully impressed with this belief I am far from being certain, that I have acted precipitately or prematurely in being unwilling to encounter any longer, a responsibility which I could not discharge. At the time the Contract was undertaken there was every probability of its speedy fulfilment and the Company in its exertions, were [illegible] undone or unfettered, which could realize that expectation. The principal towns throughout the Nation were frequently visited, Councils were as often convened, and every argument employed to demonstrate the great importance as well as absolute necessity of the measures recommended for their adoption. But as to the period of my retirement, our labours were neither attended with success, nor encouraged with the hope of ultimate triumph. Under these circumstances, I felt justified in pursuing the

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course which I have done, in order that the Dep.t if it thought proper, might adopt such other measures as might be demanded by the exigency of the occasion and the importance of the object to be effected.

I have, however, since learned, that brighter prospects have dawned upon the Company, and that in its present organization, there is every probability of its being able to atchieve the purpose of its original formation.

Nevertheless having myself ceased to be one of its members, I must still claim to be indulged in that determination, - and more especially seeing that in my retirement, not the slightest detriment will result to that interest or to the views they are endeavouring to accomplish.

In adverting in my former letter to the suspension of the duties of the Certifying Agts I beg the Department, not to understand me as casting the slightest censure upon any measure, which may have been deemed necessary to protect the Indians from the wrongs to which they have been exposed.

Whatever may have been their effects upon the prospects of the Company whether they have retarded Emigration or not, whether they have, or have not afforded a pretext to the Chiefs, for evading the assurances which were given at different times of their intention to remove to the West, I am fully persuaded, that they have been dictated by the feelings of humanity and justice and as such they have had, and will continue to receive, my most hearty concurrence

I have the honor to be your

Mo obd.t Serv.t

S.W. Sanford

Hon. Lewis Cass
Sec. of War

1835 CREEK (EMOGRATION) J.W.A.SANFORD (WITHDRAWS FROM CREEK REMOVAL CONTRACT. EXPLAINS)

C7102

Rec'd 17 Sept

Columbus (Ga.) Sept. 7. 1835.

Genl. G. Gibson

Sir. We have the honor of acknowledging your letter of the 2d. Inst. Maj. Blake, Irwin, Sanford & Ingersoll being absent at this time, on the Indian station, will cause some slight delay in filling out the Contract which we shall do as soon as they return it will be attended to & sent back.

The "slight alterations" particularly that part of the eleventh section, which we thought it would be, of great importance to us and with, I fear, have much influence on our operations:- the other is of no moment tho' better in the Contract than out of it.-

We shall make up a party of One thousand Indians, or more, in this month from this neighborhood, & we also hear that a large number will be ready to go into Camp from the Creek & Cherokee towns, with Opothle yoholo at their head, in all of next month. The prospect of a good emigration this fall & next spring is very flattering; & we hope to give back accounts of our operations as to do away all unfavorable impressions

which may be entertained by the Department relative to the mode now adopted of removing these people.

We would again respectfully urge immediate action on the same contracts, that are now before the Department for the President's approval, as the matter once settled there will be little or no obstacle to operation against the Government, will to get these people away from the lands they at present occupy.—

The points stated in many letters therein alluded to, to be paid, & other important points in your letter, will be attended to, as soon as a majority of the Company are in town, which will be in a few weeks.

Very Respy
(Signed)
Jas M Stanford & Co
per Geo O Allen Secy

163. Quig Creek

John W. A. Sanford & Co

Columbus, 30 Sep. 1835

Stating cause of delay in completing Contract. - Encloses it with some variation in important particulars ~~in~~ States in what they consist, &c. - Have acceded to 11th Article under explaination in letter of 25th Augt. - and to 12th Article with proviso.

Prospects of moving a large party very good &c. - awaiting the Sale of Sections of Lands &c. - if Sold will take a party of 2,500 hds. - Opothle Yoholo pledges to start with a large party.

Contract signed by Bellar shall in place of J. C. Benton - Speak of Mr. Ellis as an efficient man &c. - Request in instructions to Agts. to cooperate with Contractors - Rumoured that Col Hogan is hostile to the Company.

12 Oct.

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to the success of our project. — We have, therefore, to request the department to give its agents, the most positive instructions to cooperate with the Contractors in obtaining the consent of the Indians to move. — Rumor with her thousand tongues, is already circulating the report in the country & especially among the Indians, that Col Hogan is very hostile to our Company, and is using means to thwart our views & prevent our success. — We are loath to believe that one holding the Character, & situation which he does & does occupy, would act thus unfaithfully. We informed you that we should expect strong opposition from interested white men, residing in the Nation; — this report may have been started by these persons, knowing that if they can succeed in inducing the Indians to believe that the principal Government agent is hostile to us; they will be enabled to break up our plans. — From our knowledge of Col. Hogan, we are not prepared to believe such reports, but it may not be amiss to give a spur to his zeal in the cause of Emigration, by such instructions from the Department, as may seem proper & tho demanded by the occasion. — We shall not fail to notify the Department from time to time of our acting & doings —

We are Very Respectfully &c

Jno W. A. Sanford & Co

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Rec'd 12 Oct

Genl Geo Gibson

Columbus Sept 30 1835

Sir:

Our letter of the 8th inst acknowledged your last favor of the 20th ult, with the Contract for the removal of the Indians, enclosed. — Our letter informed you that in consequence of the absence of a part of the Commission, the instrument could not be completed until their return. Genl Stanford has but within two or three days reached Columbus, having been detained in Milledgeville up to that time, by a severe injury which he received by the upsetting of the stage: This will account to you for the delay which has occurred in completing the contract. — We have executed the instrument as drawn up by the Department, & now enclose it; altho' it varies in several important particulars from what was our understanding of it when at first agreed upon at Washington. The variations consist in the insertion of the 11th & 12th articles. It certainly was our understanding that our Contract was to extend to the whole Creek nation, & to embrace the whole time up to 26 March 1837. Your letter, however, explains

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the reason of this article, was by it rest upon the wants of any appropriation by Congress for the removal of more than five thousand Indians. – We have acceded to this article under the expectation, of course, which is justified by your letter of the 20th ult; that if we are successful in the removal of five thousand Indians agreeable to the Contract, we shall be entitled to a full extention, embracing the whole nation. –

To the 12th article we do not object; but it must be with this proviso, that the Government must give us reasonable notice of its determination to rescind the Contract; & must take off of our hands, at cost, such provisions, or other necessary articles, which we may have purchased for the purpose of carrying on the emigration. – We have taken the Contract Sir, under the belief, that at the price proposed, we can make a handsome amount to compensate us for our time, trouble, & other important engagements which each member of the Company gives up:– the sum is much less than the Government has ever be able to emigrate these people for: still we believe it can be done with full justice to both the Government, & the Indians; and the moment we discover that this cannot be done, we shall at once give back into the hands of Government, the important trust which has been placed in our hands. – As it is not our desire or

intention to make money at the expense of kind treatment to these people;— do, also, shall we expect not to be made a loser by the Contract at a time when the views of Government are being fully & faithfully carried out. —

— It will readily occur to you, that if the Government were to put an end suddenly to the Contract, we might be caught with Corn, beef & other provisions on hand, which have to may be purchased for the purposes of emigration; & which would be troublesome for us to get rid of at once:—

— A sudden stoppage, again, would probably subject us to heavy damages for a noncompliance with Agents & Waggoners. All we desire is not to be made losers by the Contract, upon the faith of which, we have entered into these several contracts; to all of which no prudence there can be no objection —

We are happy to inform you, that the prospects of carrying off a considerable party this fall are very good.— — Several Chiefs, living in different parts of the nation, & who have immense influence among their people; are now only waiting the settlement of a question, relative to the disposal of the sections of Lands given by Government to the Chiefs. — This question will be settled, at a Council, which is to be held on the 2nd prox:— If the land is sold (& of which we have but little doubt) we shall at once be enabled to take off a party of at least 2500 Indians. Capt. Stanford

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& other members of the Company, will be present at the Council with a view to operate upon some of the leading men, & to promote the views of the Company. The Department shall be advised of the result of their labours. Opoethle Yohola, the principal chief of the Upper towns, has pledged himself to start with a large number of his people in all of next month: & we do not doubt a fulfillment of his pledge, if the question above alluded to is settled. –

The Contract which we have executed & enclosed, you will perceive have been signed by Benjamin Marshall instead of S. C Beaton. Mr B's long & continued illness, has rendered him unable to join in the active labours of the Company; – his interest has therefore been transfd. to Mr. Marshall – We presume the change will not be unacceptable to the Govt. Mr Marshall is a much more efficient man, having extensive connexions, & influence among the Indians; – possessed of great intelligence, & wealth, & integrity, he will be a powerfull instrument in the furtherance of the object in view

It is expected that Govt. will through its agents use all proper exertions to further the great object which which is, as, desirable to the Country as to ourselves should be speedily accomplished. The Chief agent can do much good in bringing the minds of the Indians to this important point, and, if a contrary proceeding is pursued, injury will be done, either from hostility or indifference

165 Ewing Creek

From

Jno. W. A. Sanford & Co

Columbus, Oct. 23. 1838

Has received letters of 23d Sept. & 1st Oct with instructions for Government Officers.

Relates to the Substituting of Benjn. Marshall in place of Mr. Benton in the Contract & to arrangements making for Remt.

Says Capt. Page's orders shall not be delayed.

Mentions Meeting of Ind. Council on 4th Nov. — to be favorable to emigration — that Tus ke Maw haw is determined, &c — that the Sales of the Chickasaws take place on 23 inst, & Genl Sanford, Majors Blake, Marshall & Ingersoll will open a Camp &c — Prospects of getting a large party good &c

2 Nov.

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Recd 2 Nov.

Columbus Octr 22 1835

Sir

We have the pleasure of acknowledging your letter of 2nd Octr and notice particularly the latter clause of it. — The contract was completed & sent forward before the reception of this letter. The Our letter of the 30th Ult. accompanying the contract will, we hope, satisfactorily explain our reasons for making the change of one name from the original company. ~~The~~ Mr Beaton's health was in such a state at the time that his active services were required by the Company as to compell him to decline a participation in the project — he is not yet perfectly recovered, and we do not believe would be able to engage in so laborious a business as this is necessarily compelled to be for the next six months — With this fact before us, we cast about for a substitute, supposing that the Secretary at War would desire the full six names, & made choice of Mr Benjamin Marshall a naturalized Citizen of Alabama; who in a pecuniary point of view, is fully as responsible as Mr Beaton His influence being much greater, the change we believe to be an important one to the Company & will go far in forwarding the views of Government in relation to the emigration of the Indians

We cannot suppose that this change will effect the Contract I have therefore gone on to make such necessary arrangements for provisions, Wagons - agents &c as the occasion has called for. -

We have also the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the first instant together with the several instructions of the Government Officers. - Having made applicable monied arrangements here, we do not propose to demand but a small sum, if any, of such moneys as may be due us, upon the delivery of a party West of the Mississippi - on this point you need not further delay the instructions of Capt Page

You will have received from the hands of Judge Tarrant, the proceedings of the Indian Council held on the 4th inst. The meeting was quite full & the evidences & assurances given us of a general disposition to emigrate was indeed cheering. - One strong feature in their proceedings was the deposing of Tuckerneuh the principal upper town chief on account of his opposition to the emigration which all appear to believe is their best interest. - The sale of their Public lands takes place today at Tallassee Genl Sanford, Messrs Blake, Marshall & Ingersoll are there with a view to opening a camp, Mr Marshall sends me word on the 21st that there will be no difficulty in locating a large party in that section. - On the side

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of the nation we shall be able to make up a party, but owing to the lateness of the season deem it best to throw both into one; the party will therefore be a large one but at the same will be a saving of expenses to Government and ourselves. —

You shall be kept abreast of our actions when necessary. —

Respectfully Yr Obt Svts

Thos W Stanford & Co

they say in a private note to me that they should be unable to remove two thousand this year

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169 Ewing Creek

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From Jno W. A. Sanford & Co

Columbus, Geo. 29 Oct. 35

Relating to the difficulties attending the fulfillment of the Contracts & to the expenses incurred by them in preparation for the Removal &c. of the Inds. – also, complaining of the delay of the Dept. in Appointing a Certifying Agt., to which they attribute the frustration of their success in obtaining a large party to emigrate. &c. &c.

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Recd. 12 Nov.

Columbus, Geo. Octr. 29. 1835

Sir.

At the time we entered into a contract with Government for the removal of the Creek Indians, we did not anticipate other difficulties than those which arose from the prejudices of the Indians to the country to which they were to be removed and the opposition of interested speculators & traders in the country, whose hope was the gain of the last dollars worth of property, until the stay of the Indians be prolonged. – These were the only serious difficulties which we could foresee & for which we could prepare ourselves to combat. – the pledge given us by the President & the Department that no delay should occur for the want of a certifying act we supposed would have been fullfilled – for the lack of such an agent we are sorry to inform you our hopes of making up a party of any considerable number is very faint. – We refer you to a letter of Mr Blue one of Col. Logan's Citizen agents for, Mos.

The Company acting under the belief that no obstacle would be thrown in their way by the Department, have gone on to use every legitimate means in their power to prepare a large party for the fall emigration & have succeeded at a council of head chiefs held at "Ludlow" in September last in obtaining their consent & fixed determined

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to remove West as soon as their twenty nine sections of land
sold, the sale took place at Tallahassee on the 23rd
these things the Department have been duly informed.
anticipation of a large party the Company have made
extensive arrangements for Beef, Corn, Wagons & all the
other necessaries for such a party in accordance with
the Contract & Genl Sanford & three other Members of the
Company went that for the purpose of receiving such
Indians as was ready to come into Camp. Col Hogan no
doubt with a view to facilitate the wishes of the Department
relative to the emigration, arranged to be at Tallahassee on the
20th for the purpose of looking into & rectifying such
frauds as was alledged against those who purchased
lands in that section of the country. - This investigation began
on the 21st and he found sufficient cause to induce
to reverse a large number of Contracts supposed to
been made by the non Indians who was preparing
emigrate. He however had not authority to certify and
the Indians of course could not be induced to remove
leave their land behind them. Genl Sanford had an
interview with Opoethle Yoholo on the subject & was
that rather than all the other Muskogeans should go
with their people, 300 in number, to go into Camp in Texas
provided Col Hogan would certify to their loss. The Company
wrote to Col Hogan & stated the necessity of his certifying to the
but he however declined doing so. - The people have disposed

all their provisions Corn stock Cattle &c preparatory to a removal, their disappointment therefore places them in a very awkward situation, with little or nothing to eat & Winter rapidly approaching their situation is one not to be envied. —

Thus Sir, you see by the omission of an important act of the Department we are prevented from fullfilling our Contract after having gone to a heavy expence in getting ourselves ready; — our pledges forfeited to the Indians — a people naturally suspicious of the White — who are left without provisions to get them through the Winter except such as chance, theft or charity may place before them.

Our expenses thus far exclusive of our own services is about four thousand Dollars & must continue to increase without the hope of remuneration until the department proper to remove the obstacle which bars our way to success. — None but those opposed to the Contract system can charge a lack of exertions on our part to effect the removal of these people. — We are aware of the great exertions which have been & are still making by designing & interested men to prevent the removal of the Indians under this system and we have not been slow in meeting & counteracting them decent opposition so far as lay in our power. — We should have succeeded in our efforts but for the absence of a certifying agent. — We supposed as Col Hogan had been appointed investigating agent he also was a certifying agent & therefore did not call the attention of the

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Department to this important point. Winter now rapidly approaching will make it too late for a party this fa[illegible] if an agent was appointed. — Our opponents know this fact and will use it against us next spring by saying that by our promising of removal the Indians were induced to sell their provisions & way then left to starve — they know that this will have a powerful influence ~~with~~ in prejudicing the Indians against us & thereby force a failure by means of circumstances over which we could have no controll, but which we do not hesitate to charge upon the Department. — Had an agent been appointed in time, as we had every reason to believe this would be, we should by this time have been on our march with a large party of Indians but instead of this we are thrown back with a heavy expense account upon our shoulders & the daily certainty of its increasing without even the prospect of relief.

We are sir ready to comply with the strict letter of our agreement if we can be permitted to do so, if not we shall, of course, expect to be remunerated for our outlay by the Government. —

We are making up a small party in this neighbourhood it probably will not exceed 500 it may go to 1000 — these will go provided the [illegible]ting agent does not get among them before they start. —

We shall inform the Department of the progress of this party. —

Very Respectfully
W. Oates

558 Gov. W. H. Stanford — Ho.

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) JOHN S.SCOTT (REL TO EMIGR. CAUSES OF THEIR DISSATISFACTION.LAND SALES. FRAUDS PRACTICED UPON THEM.ETC)

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Hon. Lewis Cass
Washington City
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173 Creeks -
Referred

From John S. Scott
Creek Nation
Nov 12. 1835

Relating to the emigration of the Creek Indians, the causes of their dissatisfaction, their disposition to emigrate, & to the sales of their lands and to the limitation and grant for a school upon them, also to the Contract & the proceeds for the Removal.

30. Nov

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Referred to be filed by Mr. Cass
Nov. 30.

Creek Nation Nov 12. 1836

Hon.t Lewis Cass Sec.t of war

Sir Emigration in relation to the Creeks has no doubt for some time past, been a subject, that has much engaged the attention of the Department, and indeed well might it, for it would be the remedy of many evils in this section of the Country both among the whites as well as among the Indians. So long as the Indians remain in their present condition they can be of little or no use to themselves, and I am sure a source of much anxiety to the white population. I am aware of the many communications that are daily reaching this Department; and I am equally sensible of the motives that prompt many of of these communications, which in the general are motives of a sectional character; and foreign from the national interest of the Indians, as well as the policy of the Government of the united States. the Creeks from and after the last treaty made at washington City in my opinion have never been sentimentally opposed to Emigration. but have ever intertained a removal to the west, but the treating delegation on their return from Washington, to appease any unpleasant feelings on the part of their subjects for having sold their Country as we intend had done, assured them with a belief that the terms of selling their lands they had only made each individual their own Guardian, so that they might take care of their own interests, and act as agents for themselves in connection with which they had guarded their country against the intrusions that then existed in many parts of the Nation, and also that each individual would be enabled to realize much profit by selling their homes, and lands allowed them in the treaty. but unfortunately agreable to their sense of the obligations of the treaty in reference to intrusions made upon them by the whites they felt themselves sadly disappointed, and waited until the time should arrive when each individual should receive their locations. so that each one might dispose of the same and leave for their western homes. In their locations many dissatisfactions were created, some that might have been avoided and some that could not. but however they then conducted that they would dispose of their Plains to the best advantage, agreable

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to their views. but no sooner than Ratification had Commenced A new species of what I am disposed
in naming myself but is commonly Called land sharking, Commenced, And from all Circumstances
the opinion of most persons was that their was no remedy, though I was not of that opinion myself
as many of my associates well know, so that in reference to the sales of their lands, many of
them again met with a sad disappointment, And many out of the few who did sell had
all, or most of their money taken back under promises of pay at some future period, or in the Bankery
which has been another source of Great dissatisfaction, together with a variety of base and fraud-
ulent acts too tedious to mention. but however inasmuch as they have ever been taught to
rely on the Government both for protection and justice they have therefore been induced to wait
the decision of the department hoping that justice eventually would take place, for I have
oftimes heard the head Chiefs of the Nation express themselves that though agents might they well
knew that the President would not, So they are now anxiously waiting for these rights to
be restored to them, of which they have been basely and fraudulently robbed of which I conceive
to be justifiable on their part both as Individuals and as A Nation. who at some future period
subject to maintain their rights as A free born race of Gods Creation, light as the subject may seem
to many it is a subject of much Greater importance than is conceived of for one Great object is that
the Nations both Creek and Cherokee with others be planted in the west perfectly friendly to
the whites, with full and entire confidence in the Government, which they are now struggling
to maintain, the success attending the efforts of those appointed by the Government, for the
Conveyance of the Indians to their wester homes has not been as quite have been supposed
during the last year, it was owing both to the talents and management of those appointed
for that purpose. During the present season not much as yet have been done though I am
induced to believe that if Col. Hogan had been permitted to have continued his first course
in all probability quite have succeeded in getting off A Darley the Paul. the late arrangement
by Contract for the Emigration of the Creeks, is with the Nation from all that I can learn is an
unpopular arrangement with the Indians and if it succeeds it will be with difficulty

ced some dissatisfaction to those whom they may Emigrate. Some Indians who are of no
pecuniary standing and property to Influence knowledge personally. Who had prepared themselves
with the view of leaving this fall, on hearing that they were to be Carried off under a Contract
at twenty Dollars a head abandoned the idea of Going and has repurchased lands and are now
settling until some other arrangement is made while many others are Going to the Cherokee
Nation, the Creeks as a Nation are now looking to Col Hogan to be respected of the injur
ies which they have sustained from the hands of fraudulent designing Men whose purposes
have been to swindle them out of all, or what little they might have, In which those
villains succeed, Should there be proper steps taken I have no doubt but that the next
spring and fall, the whole Creek Nation, can be emigrated without much difficulty
and much to their satisfaction they desire some change to be to persons who shall attend
them as well as the time and manner of Going which I suppose to have Grown out of the many
unfavorable reports that has heretofore reached reached this Nation in reference to the
parties already Emigrated. Some of which may have been true, and some false, but
no Means have Ever been in operation to the removal of the Indians, but ever been apprised
of the many Embarrasments that the head Chiefs of the Nation has laboured under upon that subject
which has Ever been a barrier against their coming out on that subject, at all times
I have Cautiously advised them to that point, they are now coming to a final National
Conclusion to Emigrate, and when formed they will Collect themselves together at their
respective places of Rendezvous, without so much trouble, and expence, Col Hogan
as an Agent stands fair among the Indians, I stand pledged to Many of the Nation so
soon as practicable to aid them on their journey to the Arkansas, I am not disposed
to such appointments from the department for the individuals thereby to be obtained, but
I am well Convinced that for me to have some authority in reference to getting them
off from the department, under the subordinance of Col Hogan, while Col
Hogan would be engaged in providing for their journey I could no doubt

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meeting the Nation on the Most of it, the Consent of the Chiefs with but little trouble and to the better satisfaction of many of the Indians. You will pardon the liberty I have met more taken to address Your Honor, and if I should have made the least improper remark or Expressed any incorrect Idea, it has not been intentionally done, but You Consider the purity of the designs of one, who at all times have sincerely desired the success and prosperity of our administration, and have been ready when in my power to relieve the injuries sustained by a tribe of beings, which I am sure it is the Great wish of the department, with the Consent of our fathers that they be justly treated, to the first interests of our Country, whose want of knowledge has reduced them to their present helpless Condition, with much sincerity I am happy to Claim the honor of being Your Most obedient

Lewis Cass Hon. Sect of War — John Scott

N.B. A large part of the Nation are much in favor of sending a delegation to washington that in persons they might ~~in person~~ Close their business with the President the practability of so doing I am unable to determine —

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) WM.D.SHAW (WISHES PAYT FOR REPAIRING RIFLES & BEAVER TRAPS)

C-5/8/5

Fort Gibson Aug 11. 35

Mr. D. Strawn

Respectfully referred to Comdg Genl of Dept
Off Ind Affairs
Sept 12. 1835

wishes payment for repair of Rifles & Beaver traps at Creek agency west

Wm. D. Strawn
Fort Gibson
Aug. 11. 1835
Wishes payment for repairing Rifles and Beaver traps

Recd Sept 16

Ent. WB.

Ellis — Examined
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington City

Referred by Comr. Ind. Affairs
Sept. 12th 1835

Fort Gibson 11th august 1835

Dear Sir

Last December I entered into a contract with Capt R A McCabe to Repair and clean 492 Rifle Guns and 434 Beaver Traps for which he was to pay for when don through the proper Disbursing agents. the work is don and has been for some time Capt McCabe has left this place and the disbursing agent has no information in relation to the payment as you have my agreement in your office and the amount of my claim for doing the work and for Storage and safe keeping the property you will know the amount now due me I am much in want of the money as I have been at Considerable Expence in getting the work don according to Contract. I will take it as a great favour if you will have it so arranged that I can get what is due me Immediately as I Realy stand in great need at this time Expecting to get it so soon as the work was Complete I have made some Engagements I should not made had I Known the payment would have been delayed so long

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I hope Sir you will Excuse me for troubling you with a Letter ~~[illegible]~~ Knowing you are so much pressed with business at all times but it is my only Chance of Knowing any thing about it as May Armstrong is dead I Know of no other way it could hear from my business only ~~[illegible]~~ through you as I have several times Received your Kind attention to my business I hope you will Extend that same Kindness once more as my necessities Compell me to ask it My Respects to Mr Kurtz and the other Gentlemen of your office

please write me as Early as possible

With Respect Sir I Beg Leave to Remain your Obedient Servt

Wm D Shaw

Elbert Herring Esq.

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) LT.J.R.STEPHENSON,DISB.AGENT WEST (HAS RELIEVED LT-VAN HORNE.REL-TO DAMAGED BLANKETS & RIFLES.NO INFORMATION OF CREEKS IN VICINITY.ETC)

Hon. Lewis Cass

Public Service

May 4th 1853

(Hall)

Emigration of Indians

Commissary General of Subsistence

Washington City

(D. C.)

Rec. 17 June

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Fort Towson West of Ark. Ty,
May 17th 1835.

Sir

Your communication of the 4th April has been received, and I cannot but express my satisfaction for the compliments therein expressed — I shall leave this day or tomorrow for the Creek Nation (West) taking in my route Little Rock, by the direction of Capt Brown.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Jas. R. Stephenson
Lt. U. S. Army
Disbg. Agt. Choctaw Nat.

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Washington City
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Capt. J. R. Stephenson
Fort Gibson
Aug. 11. 1833

Fort. Gibson
August 12 Public Service

Rec.

Emigration of Indians
Commissary General of Subsistence
Washington City
(D. C.)

Has received Lt. Van Horne
as Dep. Q. M. for Creeks
Has rec.d some blankets
for Lt. Moore – He
reported that he will be
ordered to join his
company

1833.

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Rec'd 14 Sept

Fort Gibson
11th August 1835

Sir

On my arrival at this place Lieut Van Horne was absent at New Orleans, immediately on his return I relieved him as Disbursing Agent for the Creek Indians; from him I received all the Rolls, Instructions &c appertaining to this duty. Judging from my first issue of Provisions to the Creeks I anticipate little or no trouble in gratifying them throughout the Emigration in that particular.

I have also received from Lieut S. W. Moore late Disbursing Agent a quantity of Blankets designed for the Seminole Indians, these Blankets are now stored at this place.

By a letter received at this place by an Officer, from Washington City, I understand I shall shortly be ordered to join my Company, should this be contemplated, I request that I may have timely notice of the fact, as it is my wish to visit my friends in Virginia before returning to duty in the line — Having been constantly on duty upwards of six years on this frontier, I conceive myself entitled to a furlough and I hope I may be gratified with an indulgence of a furlough for six Months with permission to have the same extended. This request is made only in case I am ordered to join my Regiment. In making this remark, I do not wish to convey

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any idea that I have an antipathy to joining my Company or performing any duties imposed upon me.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
Jno. R. Stephenson
Capt. U. S. Army
(Disbg. Agt. (Creeks)

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Commissary General of Subsistence
Washington City, D. C.

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Recd. & f.

Fort Gibson
11th November 1835

Sir

Your communications of the 16th, 17th 21st September and 1st and 3d October 1835, have been received.

According to your instructions under date of the 21st September, I have received from Lieut Van Horne all the damaged Blankets and Powder originally designed for issue to the Creeks, and the same have been sold by me as directed; the proceeds will be accounted in my next Quarterly Returns. The Rifles are still in Mr. Van Horne's possession not having been repaired as yet.

The Muster Rolls accompanying your letter of the 1st October have been received, as yet I have received no information of any party of Emigrant Creeks being within this vicinity.

In your Circular of the 1st October, you allude to a Circular issued from your Office on the 28th February last; this Circular has not been received by me, nor by Lieut Van Horne, who is at this place, I request a copy may be sent me as soon as possible.

In a separate envelope I send you by this Mail a complete Muster Roll of all the Shoctaws who were received and subsisted by me in their district of Country on Red River from the commencement to the termination of their Emigration; this Roll varies in some measure from the form received by last Mail from your Office, it does not state by whom removed, neither does

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it comply with the instructions in the form you send; as stated under the head of remarks. This defect is out of my power to correct; I however have in my possession a Complete Register of Men women and Children, showing every casualty connected with their Subsistence; and which I can forward whenever required.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
Jas. R. Stephenson
Capt. 7th Infy.
(Disbg. Agt. / Creeks)

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Commissary General Subsistence
Washington
D. C.

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Rec'd 2 Pms

Fort Gibson
1st December 1835.

Sir

Your communications of the 16. and 20. October and 3d November 1835, have been received.

I herewith enclose Statements of Letters received and written by me for the Months of October and November 1835.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.
Jas. R. Stephenson
Capt. 4th Infty
Disbg. Agt. (Creeks)

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Washington
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1835 CREEKS (EMIGRATION) LT.J.R.STEPHENSON (MUSTER ROLL OF PARTY UNDER CAPT.PAGE)

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Muster Roll of Emigrant Creek Indians who emigrated We
Page U.S. Army in the year 1834 and arrived upon their lands .
U. S. Army Disbg Agent Creeks for the quarter ending the Thir

| Names of Heads of Families | Number and Ages of Indians | | | | | | | | Number of Slaves | | Total Number |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Males | | | | Females | | | | | | |
| | Under 10. | Of 10, and Under 25. | Of 25, and Under 50. | Over 50. | Under 10. | Of 10, and Under 25. | Of 25, and Under 50. | Over 50. | Males | Females | |
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| David Marshall | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Wm Grayson | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | | |
| Wm Shirley | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | . | | | |
| East. Bugey | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | |
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...s of the Mississippi River, under the direction of Capt. John ...
13th and 28th March 1835, Subsisted by Capt. Jas. R. Stephenson ...
...tieth day of September 1835.

## Remarks

Showing the Dates respectively of Arrival in the New Country, the Increase and Decrease by Births, Deaths &c.

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| 9 | Subsisted to the 30th June 1835 | | |
| | additions | | deductions | |
| | | | March 12th 1836 Rec'd Years Supply | 6 |
| | | | " " " " | 9 |
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| | | | | 22 |

Recapitulation
Subsisted in 1835

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| From 1st to 31st July | 469 |
| " 1st August to 30 September | 447 |
| " 1 " 1835 to 12 March 1836 | 22 |
| To be taken up next Quarter | 447 |

Jas. R. Stephenson
Capt. U. S. Army
(Disbg. Agt. / Creeks)

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) LT.J.VAN HORNE DISB.AGENT WEST (REPORTS ON CONDITION-ETC OF CREEK & QUAPAW GOODS WHICH HAD BEEN SUNKEN. REL TO DAMAGED RIFLES,

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36. Emig. Creeks

Lt. J. Van Horne

Fallitton Yazoo S. 1835.

Reports on the condition &c of the Creek & Chickasaw goods which have been sunk - asks what shall be done with them -

Sends several documents &c as to the loss, damage & sustained -

Asks instructions as to the quantity of beef to the Talion to be issued in certain cases. &c

See letter to Capt Brown 6 Sept. 1835.

Rec'd 13 April

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Rec.d Apl. 13th.

Fort Gibson 5 March 1835

Sir

On the 5th Inst., I received the notice, a copy of which, "A" is enclosed informing me that a cargo of 1775 cwt, 500 pair blankets, 5000 lbs lead, and 2293 lbs iron, and 5 kegs powder consigned to me for the Creeks & Quapaws, by Capt. Brown, Chief Disb. Agent, was 5 days, about 150 miles below this place. As my engagements at this time would not admit of my repairing to this spot, I called on Genl. Arbuckle, and represented the case to him. He politely and promptly informed me that he would send an officer immediately with instructions to use every necessary means to secure this property, as well as that of the Quarter Master Dept. and put it in a place of safety. He issued the order, "B", to the Q.M. I enclosed the bill of lading to Lieut. Harris who was detailed to go; in a note marked "C." I have no copy of Lieut. Carter's instructions to Lieut. Harris.

Agreeably to Lieut. Harris's report to me on his return, "D", the stores had been recovered from the river, and spread out to dry before Lieut. Carter's arrival. For this labour it seems the transporter charges $150. I did not know until this arrival of the stores at this place, and was then much surprised to learn that Lieut Harris, together with Col. Slaughter, Dragoon Tutor, had made an arrangement with the Capt. of the S. Boat to transport the stores immediately to this place; and that each one having freight on board should pay for the expense of transportation in proportion to their freight. The latter was very anxious to get his goods here at whatever expense; and the Q.M. stores, clothing for the troops

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been very much needed also. Under these circumstances, it appears from Lieut. Davis's report and the certificate "E" he was induced to make the arrangement. It is true that if left where they were, there was no possibility of saving the ship from being perhaps entirely ruined, as they could not be covered there, and were every day accumulating rust. Whether the necessity of this way of transporting them speedily here in order to clean and repair them immediately, was sufficient to justify the expense, and whether the additional charge for the transportation is reasonable and just: are questions for consideration. Sure it is that I gave no authority to Lieut. Davis or any other to enter into such an arrangement. I had no authority to put government to additional expense in any emergency of this kind. Yet it will probably be conceded, that it was best to use, under the circumstances, the quickest means of saving this property. I believe the understanding is that a portion of the freight according to the original bill of lading is charged in proportion to the distance from Little Rock to the Black or Jackson. To which is added a portion of the actual expense of the relief boat from that place to Fort Smith, according to the weight of the Indian Stores.

Immediately on the arrival of these stores, I requested of Gen. Asboth a board of survey to examine and report their condition, and the damage and loss sustained. Their report "F" is enclosed. There is a deficiency of 1 pair blankets, and one axe. These I am informed were lost in another train, and have been sent a second time. They have not yet arrived. The damage sustained is shown by the report "F".

As there is a three-horse team, and no means of hauling the guns ashore; and as it was very essential to have them attended to immediately,

in order to save them. I have with considerable difficulty had them transported by waters down the Grand River and up the Tuscarora to the Public Store house, Varnoy's landing, at the Red Sticks Agency, where there is a Smith Shop. I have also his consideration with Capt. McCale, Capt. I. Agent, employed a Gunsmith and assistant to clean oil and repair them. The guns needed immediate attention to fix them. I had no authority to go to expense in repairing them; and as the Creeks were entitled to an additional Smith and Tinker, I recommended to Capt McCale to employ them at $30 p. month, they furnishing tools. The Creeks have applied for the additional Smith, and I believe Capt McCale was instructed by Maj. Armstrong to employ one. I hope the course I have taken will meet your approbation.

I have received no invoices of this property, nor instructions what disposition to make of it. I think it best to receive such instructions.

With the exception of the printed memorandum of the Secretary of War which you sent me, I have no instructions from you nor from Capt. Brown respecting the reduction of the beef rations to one pound. In yours of 8th October last you say that Capt. Brown transmitted you a copy of his letter to me dated 23 August containing directions concerning the reduction of the beef ration &c. No such letter from Capt. Brown ever reached me. I wrote to him sometime after requesting that he would furnish me a copy of it. But I never received either the original or copy. You are aware that the whole year's beef ration has all along been issued to the Shawnees at one issue. The greater part of those who emigrated last spring have received their beef ration. Some however have not, from various causes. Some have refused to receive it saying when it

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was offered. These persons properly are entitled only to the ground ration. Some who came nearly a year since, and have certificates of Sig. Guerra that they are Cherokee emigrants; were not issued to because there was no rule of them. In other the contractor gave money due for in lieu of beef under pretense scandal, for which under your instructions, I have declined crediting the contractor accounts, and shall require him to issue the beef ration. These persons who were at the time entitled to 1/4 lb ration have thus by the negligence of the agents or the unauthorized of the Contractor been prevented from getting their beef which the allowance was 1/4 lb ration. To those who have arrived since the receipt of the Secretary of War's memorandum, I have issued only the ground ration. And it is proper to say that they complain that it is insufficient; and they desired me to inform you. I am yours &c 8th Sept.

You say the Government is doubtless bound to receive and pay for 1/4 lb ration if the contractor issue it. Now the contractor does not issue it; yet I have thought it best to require it issued in the two other cases, where the delay in issuing may be ascribed to the deputies of government, it would not be just and proper that they should receive 1/4 lb ration. Since the receipt of the Secretary's memorandum, it has been my rule, (and will continue to be) to issue the ground ration, unless in the cases mentioned; you should direct otherwise.

With great respect
Yr your Obt. humble Servt
J. Van Horne Lieut 3d Inf.
Disb. Agent C.R.

Gen. Ben. Gibson
Com. Gen. Sub.

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Letter, Ennis Crook

Lt. J. Van Horne,
Ft Gibson 13th Augt 1833

relative to the damaged
rifles powder & blankets
for the Lodge:

Think, it best to repair
the rifles at Ft Gibson.

The powder is unfit for
issue & some of the blankets
are damaged - the lead
and blankets are turned over
to Capt Stephenson - &c

The enclosed report of Capt Stephenson & Lt Van Horne, with subject of the damaged goods, filed in the Crook file.

Lt Sept:

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Sir Rec'd 14 Sept. Fort Gibson 13 August 1835

As the Arkansas has for some time been too low, and is likely to be too low to allow me to ship the 1000 Creek rifles for some months, I would suggest whether it would not be better to have them repaired here; as it can be done at not trifling compared to the expense of shipping them to Phila. and back for that purpose. I have endeavoured to get Capt. Stephenson or some other to assist me in inspecting them agreeably to your directions; but have not yet succeeded. A proposition of Mr. Shaw to repair them was several months ago submitted to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, as I am informed, by Capt. McCabe Creek S. Agent, through Maj. Armstrong. This was done without my knowledge. He proposed to repair all except 50 or 60 for $1.00 each, and these 50 or 60 at $2.50 each. Had the suggestion made in mine of 10 March been approved, and carried into effect; these rifles could by this time probably have been repaired by the government smiths & tinker without any expense to the U. States. An offer was made me by an excellent mechanic, to repair the whole at forty cents each, or at twenty cents each if carried to his shop twenty miles distant. Shaw is very anxious to get the job at the rate proposed by him; and at that rate it seems to me that it would be a much better plan

than to Ship them to Phila. for that purpose, when the great difficulty & uncertainty of the navigation of the Arkansas is taken into consideration. I am disposed to think they can be repaired for much less than Mr Shaw proposes. I have examined them myself. They were taken to pieces, well oiled, and put together lately. The distinction made by the board on their arrival between "414 which would be fit for service after being oiled and cleaned, having been under water and rusted," and "534 rifles damaged & rusty, stocks swollen, mounting separated &c," cannot not be defined. Fifty or sixty are broken; the remainder are not. As I will probably not be able to ship them before I can receive your reply, I would be glad to receive your instructions.

When I was relieved from duty among the Creeks, it was deemed proper by Capt. Brown Capt. Stephenson and myself, that I should also turn over the rifle blankets &c for the Creeks. On close examination by Capt. Stephenson and myself and some other gentlemen of the Border reported by the board as apparently in good order, it was found damaged and unfit for issue. It seems to have been damp, and to have lost its glze and firmness. Twenty four and a half bales blankets were found damaged. Without wishing to reflect on these gentlemen, the blankets and Powder seem to have been hastily looked over, and not carefully examined by the board. They judged from the appearance of the bales

and has that they had not been under water, and the blankets were counted, but not minutely inspected. Five pairs of these blankets are not Machinaw blankets, but of inferior quality. The powder was immediately stored carefully in the magazine, in charge of Gen. Arbuckle, and the blankets and lead in the ordnance store, also in charge of Gen. Arbuckle. Every necessary care has been taken of these articles since their arrival. I have turned the blankets and lead over to Capt. Stephenson, there being no Creek Agent here. The damaged blankets and spoiled powder will speedily be sold. Please direct what shall be done with the powder reported damaged and unfit for use. The bill of lading specified 15 tons, (45 kegs) powder for Creeks, & two tons (10 kegs) powder for Quapaws. This would make 55 kegs. There seems to be 60 kegs.

The report of Capt Stephenson and myself on the condition of all these articles except the rifles is enclosed.

Most respectfully
Sir
Your obt Servant
J. Pan Rowe Disb Agent C.R.

Brig. Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. Sub

44. Emig Creek

Lt. J. Van Horne
to Gibson, 22d March 1835
Makes a further report
upon the condition of
the Creek & Surprise
preparts which had
been sunk in the River

Ent. 27 April

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Sir  Recd 27th Apl  Fort Gibson 25th March 1825

In the 1st place, I report to you the condition in which the Cards and Drapery Stores, which arrived here at that time. In the 2d place, I received the remainder of those Stores. From the difficulty which I had to set a board of Survey to report upon the condition, the damage and loss of those Stores which arrived first, I was deterred from making the attempt again with these last, although it would have been more satisfactory to me. In the former case, it is due to Gen. Atkinson to say that he promptly had the roads detailed at my request. But the board dissolved unavailably, thinking it not a duty of theirs but to examine Indian Stores of the kind. Gen Atk. ordered a report on the loss of the Deposits, considering themselves only required to report on the condition of such Deposits as may occasion it to them.

In the present case there is a loss of 1 Ps Dark Blanket. I have receipted on the bill of lading for 480 Dark Blankets which having been struck more to 479 damaged; and thirteen Dark Blanket damaged and unfit for use. These 13 Dark came in the last shipment. They are torn and have holes in them, besides being discoloured.

The remainder of the wine (2 qrs 7 lbs) was also received on the 18th. The Cask which contained the Cask were broken to pieces, and the Cask thrown over the boat. The Barrels are lower; the bottom having been taken to pieces when the boat came. A great portion of the wines and spirits, belonging to the ship were lost.

Also received on the 18th the 200-mile Barrels, guns, are shipped from Philadelphia for the Squadron. The bore of fifty (50) Barrels of the Muskets they are wet, and rather rusty. The bore which were in the bore somewhat rusted. I have had the Barrels boxed up to dry. I shall send this other boxes. I have written to Lieut. Hunter & Captain to keep them till I shall send for them. They belong to the Eastern Squadron.

If you have blank muster-rolls, and extracts of Debts for Officers on board, I would be glad to receive some.

Capt. Case and parts of officers have not yet arrived.

With great respect
Your obt. Servt.

Jas. Jos. Gillis
Com. Jas. Gillis

To Hon. Thomas Gilmer
Secretary of War.

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Sir Rec.d 28 Nov. Fort Gibson, Western Ter., 4 Nov. 1835

I received yours of 14th Oct. last evening, enclosing "an addition to the circular of 28th Feby. last." You call my particular attention to that circular. No circular of the date, nor of the character referred to has been received by me. Capt. Stephenson also informs me that he has not received it. I am therefore ignorant of its requirements.

On receipt of yours of 21 Sept. I gave full notice throughout the neighbouring country, and the Territory of Arkansas: and secured as much competition as possible, in employing a gunsmith to repair the rifles. The mechanic whom I informed you had offered, (when I had no authority to employ him,) to repair them for forty cents each, since went to Missouri, where he is about moving. I enclose a contract made with a gunsmith who has a very high reputation for skill and ability to repair all for $700. He is the only good gunsmith to be had in this country. He was employed some years at the armory at Harpers Ferry. I am well assured that I have secured the best gunsmith, and on the most moderate terms the country will afford.

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[illegible] that the black smith and striker employed by [illegible] Cate and myself in March, would have been permitted to complete the repairs of these rifles; as it would then have cost our Dept. nothing; and I am not aware that it would have been productive of any inconvenience. This was the [illegible] Neither when you inform me did note [illegible] [illegible] The [illegible] corn 86 are unusually good.

With great respect
Sir your obt Servt.
J. Van Horne Lieut & Ordy
Dsbg. Agent J. R.

Brig. Gen. Geo. Gibson
C. G. Sub.

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) LT.J.VAN HORNE,DISB.AGENT (A/CS FOR 1834. A/CS OF CHILLY MC INTOSH.CAPT PAGES ROUTE A GOOD ONE.PARTY WILL SETTLE NEAR VERDIGRIS. HAS CONTRACTED FOR RATIONS. VARIOUS A/CS)

Emig. Creek 40.
Letter

M. J. VanHorne
Ft. Gibson, 12. Mar. 1835

Sends a Acct. Current
for Creek disbursements
for 4th qr. 1834

Rec.d 15 Apl.

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Recd. Apl. 15th.

Fort Gibson 12th March 1835

Sir

I enclose herewith the acct. current for Recpts & Disbursements for 4th Quarter of 1834.

With great respect
Your obt. Servt.

Jno. H. Gibson
Com. Gen. Sub.

Chas Thomas Lieut. & Dispg. Agent Recpts

Letter 37. Creek

Lt. J. Van Horne
Ft Gibson Feb. 3d 1835

Explanatory of Cherokee accounts.

Has paid C. McIntosh $256.45/100. who paid S. Harrod $231.25 and Graham $24.80. whose receipts are enclosed. Sends also Bills of C. McIntosh &c

Recd March 19th

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Sir Rec'd Mar 29

Fort Wm. 27th Feby 1835

I enclose my return for Creek Disbursements for the 3rd quarter of 1834, in accordance with your of 5th Dec. According to your instructions of 23 June and 5 Dec. I issued to the emigrants of the Fourth & fifth provisions or Stock for that only the balance due on their general due-bills, but as much more as made up to them the difference between what they had already received on account, and the cost of provision for six months at 7½ cents per ration.

Sir May last, with the approbation of the Commissioner I obtained for the relief of 45 of these emigrants, of Lieut. Carter A.C.S. the month's provision. On this particular and urgent request of the Commissioner, and with the consent of the emigrants, 5 bushels 2 quarts of beans were issued in lieu of one barrel of flour of equal cost $6.00. On the 8 August, before corn could be had, I also obtained for them 4 bbls 25 lbs flour from Lieut. Carter.

No salt was issued at the time the issue for March was made. It was allowed them on the following issue as per return No. 2 & 3 and Extract of issue.

I paid Sylly McIntosh $256.25/100 for the provisions and goods furnished by him before my arrival, as p. voucher. He paid J. Hanna $231.25/100 in presence of myself & other gentlemen, and to Abram

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Sept. 59. Their receipts to him are enclosed.

I enclose the due bills of S. McIntosh. Those of his. Lee were at his request left in my hands in settlement to make him to settle with McIntosh. I enclose certified copies of them. To make them more intelligible, I have marked in pencil on each the name of the person in whose favour it was drawn.

Billy Williams is east of the Mis. The small balance $1.25 due him is therefore retained. The Sis mentioned as having traded out their due bills, had delivered them up before my arrival. Of course they did not fall into my hands.

I would be glad to receive some blank Abstracts of Dis. for Contingencies, and Bly returns of Provisions rec. & issued.

Very respectfully
Sir
Your obt servt.

J. Vans Agnew Lieut 8th
Dis. Agent Creeks

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. Subs

46. Emig. Creeks

Lt. J. VanHorne
Ft Gibson 2 Apl. 1835.

Report upon the route taken by the Emigrant Creek indians, under Capt Page.

who passed on the North side of the Arkansas. which is the best route in a dry season.

The creek, arrived 28 March.

Has, contracted for rations, at 6 cts 2 mills.

They will settle 8 miles from Verdegris landing.

Rec'd. 29 April

Rec'd 29 April

Fort Gibson 2d April 1835.

Sir

In yours of 27 Dec you direct me at the close of the emigration for the season, "to report to you the route taken by them,"
I believe Capt. Page with his party came from Little Rock, on the north side of the Arkansas, striking the line of stands I think at the Cadron. It seems that he was detained considerably by the high waters at the Illinois, and perhaps some other streams. The present is an unfavorable season for emigration, the Illinois and I believe the other streams had been fordable uninterruptedly for 8 or 10 months until a few days before the arrival of the party; there is little choice between the two routes up the Arkansas — during a dry season the route on the north side of Arkansas is preferable to that on the other. But should there be much rain and wet weather, or a prospect of it on the arrival of a party of emigrants at the Dardenai, it is my opinion they should cross the river there, and again at Fort Smith, Capt Page speaks highly of the road from the Territorial line to this place. There can be no doubt however in my mind as to the prosperity of emigrants

coming by one or the other of these routes to get
to the Creek Country on the Verdigris and Ark=
=ansas — The Seminoles and those Creeks
who desire to locate on the Canadian
should go by the Choctaw agency to the
Canadian.
The party of Creek Emigrants arrived on the 28th ult.
they are not yet sufficiently located to allow
me to fix positively on the places for issue.
It was expected that the mass of them would
settle about 23 miles hence up the Arkansas;
and on the receipt of Capt Browns instructions direc=
=ting me to make arrangements to supply un=
=till 1st of May, I contracted for the delivery
at not more than 3 places, between the Ver=
digris landing, and Hardages, (20 miles higher
up the Arkansas;) of such rations as might
be required untill that time, at Six Cents
& two Mills pr. ration
I halted on the 29th ult for 10 days, at Sta Ro las,
8 miles st. w. from here & 5 m, from the crossing of Ver=
digris. The Party had encamped around Sta. a=
=ho las, and are fast locating on the farms and
Houses vacated on their approach by the settlers,
who retired to sieze on other choice lands,
untill now vacant. The great mass of them
will settle 8 miles from Verdigris landing

and Ne a ho la's is now, and it is likely will continue to be, about central to their settlements. All will probably be within three miles of that place, except Thirty Eight, who are located on the south bank of the Arkansas, four miles from Fort Gibson, and five miles from Ne a ho las. Ne a ho las is the center of a beautiful, fertile, & well cultivated country.

Very Respectfully Sir
Your obt Servt

Genl Geo Gibson
Com Gen. Sub

Wm Thomas Lieut. 3 Inf
Dis. Fort Gibson

Rec: 25 Augt.

Fort Gibson 15 July 1835

Sir

I returned here on the 9th and have since been engaged in arranging Disbursements &c. Although I was denied Capt Stephenson's abstracts to embrace the whole of the 2d quarter 1835, yet as the quarter had expired, and the disbursements &c were in my name, I have thought it best to enclose the returns and vouchers for my disbursements during that quarter. I enclose also a muster roll. The deaths and desertions are deducted on the body of the roll, which shews the true number at present in each family. On Capt Page's roll was 493. Of these I found only 471 on their arrival. The others had deserted &c.

My abstracts &c contain the disbursements for the subsistence and transportation of Tomony Hayi and Acha Hadjo, who emigrated in August and Oct. 1833; which disbursements I was required to make by yours of 6 Nov 1834. They had subsisted themselves during the year, and I paid them for a year's subsistence.

The late Creek emigrants are comfortably situated, and are likely to raise pretty good crops of corn.

The remote points at which my duties has required my

presence, while subsisting the Creeks and Cherokees, has obliged me to travel the greater part of my time. Giving to the expenses to which I am thus subjected, I have made a small charge of this kind for actual traveling expenses.

That part of the Cherokee furniture which was left at Little Rock, and was afterwards shipped to Col. Clark, about 100 miles below this, arrived here a few days since. What may have been its value when shipped I know not. Capt Brown informs me it was of no great value. It is certainly of little value now. Part of the furniture was lost and damaged, which I stated for Capt Brown's information on the back of the bill of lading.

Very respectfully
Your humble obt Servt.

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen Subs

Van Horne Lieut 3d
Subs Agent I.T.

Letter 30 Emig Creek

Lt. J. VanHorne
Fort Gibson 11 Aug 1835

Sends his acct for Cherokee disbursements for 2d qr. — Has paid to Wm & David Burgess $15-50 as commutation allowance.—

A number of emigrants have applied for $10 a head which they say were promised to them; and others for payment for hauling corn under the agency of Lt. Seawell.

Speaks of some Indns who at first refused to receive their provisions

12 Sep 1835

Emig Creek Aug 32

Lt. Lt. Lt.

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Rec'd 12 Sept

Fort Gibson 11 Aug. 1835

Sir

I enclose my accounts for Cherokee disbursements for 2nd quarter of present year, with the vouchers.

On the application of Mr David Bunger I have paid $1.50 to David Bunger's commutation allowance for emigrating, in accordance with your letter to Lieut. Seanell, extract from which is hereunto.

In those cases where issues were made irregularly under Lieut. Seanell, and afterwards passed to the contractors credit by me in accordance with your instructions so authorizing me to do, where I found that the issues were correctly made; the certificate on the back of the returns, including any such cases, merely states that the issues were made; in the other cases the form prescribed by you is followed.

In these cases, where they had been issued under my predecessor, the ration is 1¼ lbs, that being the allowance at the time these issues were made. A remark to this amount is made on the abstracts of issues.

Number of those emigrants who came from Georgia, have applied to me for $10 a head, which they say they were promised. David Bunger is among this number.

Several of the emigrants have applied to me for payment for hauling their corn under Lieut. Seanell's Disb. Agency. I have told them that I had no authority to pay such accounts.

I will send a quarterly bill by next mail.

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In your of 10 June, you say of my telling Mr. Pools "that the obligation of Govt towards him is fulfilled", meaning thereby that he could not thereafter get provisions though he should apply, is not approved of, I have most respectfully to say that I used to him the precise language mentioned by direction of Capt. Brown, who agreed with me that it was necessary to use this positive language to prevent him and others from breaking down the rule established by the Dept. It had that effect; for he soon after received his provisions; except corn, which I expect to issue him in a few days. It was not my expectation that he would be debarred from getting the provisions due him from government whenever he should apply for it. My only aim was to convince him that he could not, at cash, and to prevent him from setting a bad example. But as I do in all such cases, I reported the facts for your information, and for your instructions. John Duncan is the only emigrant who refused to receive. The provision was repeatedly offered him. He says his Guy promised them money in lieu of provisions, and that he could do without either. He is in good circumstances. It is proper to mention that I had no rel. of him, until I received it from you early in April last. I therefore had no authority to issue to him and one or two hundred others, until about six weeks before the close of the contract, and of the year from the time of their arrival. So pressing were their demands that I did issue to most of them however on my own responsibility before receiving the rolls.

With great respect
Sir your obt. servt
J. Van Horne to Sec. Int.

Gen. Jas. Gibson
Comr. Ind. Aff.

1835 CREEK (EMIGRATION) YOHOLO MICCO &C. (REL TO-THEIR REMOVAL, RECOMMEND DR.J.S.SCOTT AS THEIR EMIGRATING AGENT)

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Emig Creek 128 Refomed

Yoholo Micco & others
State of Alabama
Aug. 27th 1835
Relative to their land
lost and recommending
Dr. J. S. Scott, their
Emigrating Agent —

Chas. Hughes
Acting Sec.
Washington City
D.C.

Ent. WB

21 Sept.

COLUMBUS SEP 17

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Referred to War Dpt.
21st dept.

State of Alabama August 27th 1835

To our father the President

We as a Nation and a people that have once enjoyed our own laws and privileges, and who could once rule at our own town houses and there settle our own business and no man dare to disturb us. Our hous were then our own, our wives were then our own, and our children obedient to our commands.

But those days are now gone. Our privileges as a nation in this country forever lost and we as a people in great trouble. Our country is now full of bad white men. Our property we dare not call our own. The land you had given us by the last treaty though unwilling to sell it ourselves, is often stolen from us by bad white men and bad indians while we are at home with our little families. And before we know it our homes are taken from us and we left to suffer. We are convinced that that we must go to the new home provided for us in the west by our father the President. Our last petition is, that our father the President will give Dr John Scott for our agent to see us safe to our western home, as we all know him, and have long known him to take a deep interest in our welfare. Your compliance with our last request will be thankfully received and the request of our father the president faithfully complied with.

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| Scholo his mark Micco | Cusabee town | Tommy his mark Scholo | Cuttassaxey |
| John his mark Smith | Hillabee " | Fixcutchly his mark | Fish Pond |
| Ole Chinnahadjo his mark | Fish pond " | Charley his mark | Fish Pond |
| Sandy his mark Grison | Cabfushky " | Oster his mark Hadjo | Fish Pond |
| Jim his mark Larney | Fish Pond " | Ruchar his mark Miller | Cabfushky |
| Hillabee his mark Hadjo | Fish Pond " | Walter his mark Grison dec | Cabfushky |

CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

1836 {Accounts. Returns etc. Disbts.etc of various agents.State-

(57)

Col Thos Pector
Enclosing property returns
& receipt collector

April 10 - 1836
" 15th "

Creek

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIO

Western Creek Agency
April 10th 1836

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith a property Return and a Receipt Roll for Articles delivered to Indians in the first Quarter of 1836, together with a report of licenses granted to Traders in the Western Creek Nation.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.
W. P. Rector
Agt Creeks &c

To
Col. Wm Armstrong
Supt. West. Territory
Ind. Nations

Lt. J. R. Stephenson's

Quarterly Statement of
Agents &c.
4th Quarter 1835.

Cooks

Recd. 1st March. 1836

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Quarterly Statement of Agents and others employed in the Removal and Subsistence of the Creek Indians for the quarter ending the Thirty first day of December 1835. by Capt. James W. Stephenson U. S. Army Disbursing Agent Creeks.

| No. | Names | Station | Date of Appointment | Compensation | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | P. McKinley | Fort Gibson | 1st July 1835 | $50 per month | Clerk for Capt Jas W. Stephenson U. S. Army |

Jas W. Stephenson
Capt. U. S. Army
Disbg. Agt. (Creeks)

Capt. J. R. Stephenson's
Quarterly Statement
of Agents &c. Crews
for 1st Quarter 1886

Crews

Recd 23d May.

Quarterly Statement of Agents, and others employed in the Removal, and Subsistence of the Creek Indians, for the quarter ending the Thirty first day of March 1836, by Capt. James, R. Stephenson U.S. Army Disby. Agt. Creeks,

| Names | Station | Date of Appointment | Compensation | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| P. McKinley | Fort Gibson | 1st July 1835 | $50 per Month | Spanish Agent Clerk for Capt Jas. R. Stephenson U.S.A. |

Jas R. Stephenson
Capt. U.S. Army
Disby. Agt. (Creeks)

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Contingencies of
by S. Brown Capt. U. S. A. Fri. Disby. Agent Indian Removal and Subsis

| Dates. | To whom paid. | For what paid. | Amount. | | Remarks. St[illegible] tinuance what de[illegible] payments for the |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | dollars. | Cents | |
| 183[illegible] May 31. | James R. Vergie | Services as Clerk | $ 40 | 00 | Services |

I certify that the above Abstract is just and

Little Rock
May 31. 1831.

Contingencies of the Creek Indians for the Month of May 1836
...ral and Subsistence.—

| | Remarks. Shewing whether payments will continue — how long — the necessity for their continuance — what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made — distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of present Month and for succeeding Months &c. — |
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| ...ents | |
| ...ov | Services continued.— |

...that is just and true according to the Vouchers in my possession

J. Brown Capt. U.S.
Mobile Agt Cred Rund

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Contingencies of the
by J. Bonn. Capt. U. S. A. Pin. Dist. Agent Ind. Rel. and Subsistence

| Dates | To whom paid. | For what paid.— | Amount. dollars. | cents. | Remarks — Shew what addition is for the consump. |
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| 1836. April 8. | S. B. Carpenter & Comp. | Passage of Capt. Bonn. | 35 | 00 | Account clos |
| " " 30. | James H. Yeager. | Services as Clerk | 60 | 00 | " " con |
| | | Total | $95 | 00 | |

I certify that the above Abstra

Little Rock
April 30 1836.

ingencies of the Creek Indians for the Month of April 1836,
and Subsistence

| | Remarks – Shewing whether the payments will continue – how long – the necessity for their continuance what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made – distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present Month and for succeeding Months &c. |
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| conts. | |
| 00 | Account closed |
| 00 | " continued |
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The above Abstract is just & true according to the Vouchers in my possession

[illegible] Capt. U.S.A.
Dist. Agt. Indian Affairs

Copy

Letter from Capt. Brown to Capt. Stephenson

Agreement between Capt McCabe and Wm H Shaw endorsed with the account

W A.

May 22, 1836.

Creek

Copy

Little Rock
May 22nd 1836

Sir

Enclosed is a copy of an Agreement entered into by Capt. McCabe for the repair of Rifles &c for the Creeks —

You will be pleased to state the Account for the repairs, and direct Mr Shaw to get Capt. Wm Armstrongs Official certificate of the performance of the service, on the Account, after which accompanied by the original Agreements the same will be paid on presentation at this Office.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

(Signed)
J. Brown Capt. U. S. A
Pur. Disbg. Agt. Ind. Bur.

Capt. J. R. Stephenson
Disbg. Agt. Ind. Bur.
Fort Gibson

over

Col. Wm Armstrong

Sir

A great portion of the Rifles &c alluded to in the foregoing letter have been issued to the Indians by Capt. McCabe & Col. Rector — The remainder are in the possession of Col. Rector —

Yours Respectfully

Jas. H. Stephenson

Capt. & Disby. Asst.

PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Emigration of Indians
Office Com. Gen. Subs.
October 27. 1836.

Lieut Edw.d Deas
Disbursing Agent Creeks
Tallahassee
Florida.

Sir,

Yours of the 16th instant covering your account for expenditures in the 2.d & 3.d quarters of 1836, with a Property Return for the same period is received.

Respectfully
Your
Obedient Servant
Gis Gibbons

CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

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| PHILA. 5/2,1836 | ABADIE,DR.E.H. | (Accepts the appointment of physician to a party of Creeks) |
| " 5/5,1836 | " | (Will immediately report in Ala to Capt Page for service) |
| NEW ORLEANS, 7/21,1836 | " | (Rel to health and condition of Creeks under Lt Barry. Praises system and kindness of contractors to Indians) |
| IRWINS 8/14,1836 | " | (Health of emigrants pretty good,etc) |
| MC CLENDINS 10/20,1836 | " | (Reports arrival of party of hostile Creeks at Ft Gibson and number of deaths among them) |

126. Emig Creeks

Dr. E. H. Abadie

Oct 20th 1836

Reporting the arrival at Fort Gibson of the Hostile part of Creeks, and the Number of deaths among them

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Rev. C. [illegible]

Camp near McClendin's Ala. Oct. 20th 1836

[illegible] I have the honour to report the [illegible] Pilson, of the hostile party of emig[illegible] to which I was attached as Surgeon, [illegible] of Septbr., having employed two months in reaching our destination, and during which time we had 81 deaths out of nearly 2[illegible] souls in the part.

[illegible] of deaths, one man was sh[illegible] endeavoring to make his escape a[illegible] to the ground with a [illegible] of the contractors: [illegible] same time by the guard, a[illegible] two days after our leaving N[illegible] A child was killed instantly by the falling in of the deck of a keel boat employed to transport them, whilst the steam boat towing it was off Columbia Mississ. The accident occured from too great a number of [illegible] crowding on deck to look at the to[illegible] had his leg broken, another h[illegible] appeared to have died fro[illegible] being no wound externally or le[illegible] organs apparent upon examination. A woman was also killed whilst encamped, about

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about 25 miles from Dr. Gibson [illegible] had ascended a tree to procure grapes [illegible] clinging to it, the unfortunate [illegible] spinal column causing her [illegible] death.

These accidental [illegible] reported leave the total of [illegible] 77, 37 of which were children [illegible] years of age, 13 under 10, the balance being old and infirm, and but few in the prime of life.

This fortunate state of things in the removal of so large a party of [illegible] could scarcely have been anticipated, [illegible] difficulty there was of transporting [illegible] as practicable; from their [illegible] the men being in chains [illegible] their irons at Mobile when [illegible] crowded state of the boats conveying [illegible] rations to which they were not accustomed [illegible] muddy water of the Miss.pi: all these causes operating in the hot months of July and August; and again on land the variety of green fruit with which they would gorge themselves, might be expected to generate disease [illegible] happily proved manageable, at [illegible] experienced much difficulty [illegible] to apply to me when first taken [illegible] generally resort to those of their [illegible] they had been accustomed to apply in sickness, and too often

often it was after an unsuccessful trial of their [illegible] that they came to me only in time [illegible] account to the disease.

The [illegible] diseases amongst them were [illegible] fevers, Dysentary, Diarr[illegible] Infantum.

The Soldiers appeared very well contented with their new homes, as well as with the friendly reception they met with from the Creeks who emigrated a few years ago; and it was gratifying to me to witness the contentment and [illegible] latter, which can only be [illegible] having become an agricultural [illegible] country like theirs is [illegible] enough, plenty and wealth.

[illegible] instructions I shall [illegible] my journal as soon as I can have [illegible], my constant motion and change of station having hitherto prevented me from doing it.

I have the honour to be with respect
Your Obt. Servt.
Eugene H. Abadie
Actg Asst. Surgn U.S. Army.

To
General [illegible]
[illegible] of Subs.

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Envig Cooks

R. E. R. Studies

New Orleans July 21, 1836

Relative to the health & condition of the Troops encamped under Lieut. Blamy – Estimates provided on the Contractors for their rations in the fulfilling the contract by Kindness to the Sentinels

[redacted]

August

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

New-Orleans July the 21st 1836

General,

Having reported repeatedly to Lt Barry that he might inform you of the health of the Indians under his charge, and the mortality among them, I cannot but express my satisfaction at the few deaths that have occured, and although there has been much sickness, bowel complaints and fever, particularly among the children, we have lost but six since we left Fort Mitchel.

The manner in which the contractors have so far fulfilled their contract deserves praise particularly in furnishing at my request to the sick such articles of food as were necessary for them, besides their receiving the usual rations allowed by government.

Their care also in providing them with proper shelter when unavoidably detained on shore must be mentioned; the day of our arrival at N. Orleans through the Canal we encamped the Indians on the Levee the highest and dryest spot that could be found; in the course of the night a heavy rain having come on the camp became very wet as the soil was of a clayey nature the water was not absorbed; the following morning the rain continuing the contractors immediately went in search of some good shelter, and finally they obtained an old rope walk, to which the Indians were immediately removed and where they had every comfort.

This morning the Indians have embarked on three good and large Steam-Boats one of which

which has a large in two. If the variety of fruit the indians have been eating since they have been at N. Orleans does not increase the sickness and mortality I think we shall be able to reach our destination with comparatively few deaths when the number of people is taken into consideration, and if it is in the power, or seems to obviate it, all will be done that can be devised, to insure such a state of things as may best compare with the health of our charge.

I have the honour to be, General
with respect your Obt. Servt.

E. H. Hadley M. D.

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Emig Creek
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Dr. E. A. Abadie
Irwin's Settlement Aug 14. 76.
describing the health
of the Em. Creeks
which seems good

Hon. Geo. Gibson
Commissioner of Indian
Washington City
D.C.

FREE

LITTLE-ROCK ARK
AUG 13

13th Sept

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Rec.d 13. Sept.

Erwin's Settlement August the 14th 1836

to Genl. Gibson Comm. Genl. of Subs.

General,

I take pleasure in informing you of our arrival so far, with comparatively few losses by death among the Indians, although we layed eight days at Tarrot waiting untill the waggons could be collected, where they obtained a great deal of green fruit and corn, which I could not prevent their purchasing, and which occasioned much Dysentary & cholera amongst them; I have had only between 40 and fifty deaths since we left Fort Mitchel. and those among the very young or very old. The proportion is 35 children the balance old people and a few men. Much sickness still prevails from their eating every thing green they can find on the road, but fortunately it is not of a very fatal character, and yields to remedial means —

I can but ascribe the success of our remedies to the dietetic means furnished by the agents of the contractors, the sick being supplied with rice through the entire course of the disease if necessary, and by my preventing that any thing injurious should be given them

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them, in which I encountered much opposition and difficulty. I had the satisfaction of seeing many bad cases recover.

The transportation for the sick has been satisfactory to me, and the size of the party, as well as the time of the year being taken in consideration, we have been much favored in having so few deaths –

Doubtless Lieut. Barry has informed you that an assistant has been furnished me at Montgomery which was then very necessary two boats being required to carry the party to New-Orleans; he has been continued in the service from the many sick and the great labour attending our attendance upon them, the camp being extensive, and the necessity we are under of visiting every tent to find the sick –

Early this morning we broke up our camp, with the hope of experiencing no more delays, if so the party will enjoy good health from the constant excitement of motion and from their inability of obtaining articles of food that may be useful to them –

I have the honour to be with respect

Your Obt. Servt.

C. H. Abadie M. D.

Emig Creek 113.

E. A. Abadie
Phil.a May 5th 1836

Will repair immediately to Alabama & report to Capt. Page for service

Headquarters City Guards
Office Genl Gen.l Gibson
Washington City
May 7th

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Philadelphia May the 3rd 1836

Recd 7 May

Sir,

Your letter of the 4th inst. has come to hand, and in pursuance of your request, I shall repair immediately to Alabama and report to Captain Page U.S.A. for further orders –

I remain with great respect
Your Obt Servt
E. H. Hadie M.D.

Geo. Gibson Esq.
Comy. Genl of Subs.
Washington City.

Emig Creek 112

Dr. E. H. Abadie
Phil.a May 2.d 1836
Accepts the appointment
of Physician to a party
of Emigrant Indians

Geo. Gibson Emig. Agt.
Office of Indian
Affairs
Washington City.

May 4

Philadelphia May the 2d 1836.

Recd 4 May

Sir,

It was only this morning I received your communication inviting me to attend a party of emigrating indians as physician & accept willingly the duty, expressing a hope that as the orders were rather unexpected you will allow me as much time to prepare as may comport with the faithful discharge of the service.

By return of mail I will thank you to inform me of the time which may be granted me, and about what period my services may be required at Fort Mitchell.

I remain with respect Your
Obt. Servt.
E. H. Hadie M. D.

J. Gibson Esq.
C. G. I.
Washington City.

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Prisoners Creeks

Lt. Waller Barry
Ft. Gibson 4th Sept. '36

The party of Creeks
conducted by him were
turned over to Capt.
Stephenson on the
4th Sept.

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4th Oct.

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Fort Gibson Ark.s
Sept. 4th 1836

General

I have the satisfaction to inform you that the party of Emigrating Creek Indians, accompanied by me from Montgomery Ala. arrived safely at this place on yesterday, & on the evening of the same day encamped on the western bank of the Verdigris & were turned not to Capt. Stephenson this morning.

The Indians were advised by Genl Arbuckle to proceed ten miles beyond the river, & consented to do so; but on getting over the river concluded they would stop there. The total number of deaths amount to eighty, which is a very small proportion, considering the season & the quantity of green fruit eaten on the journey.

I am now labouring under a slight attack of intermittent fever, which I hope may excuse the brevity of this communication.

I am, Sir, very resp.y Your Obt Svt
Mader Bates
Sub Agent Emig.g Ind.s

Brig Genl
Geo. Gibson
Comdg Genl Sub—
Washington City D.C

533. Emig Creek

Lt. J. Waller Barry
Irwin's Settlement
Aug. 14. 1836.

The Contractors have not provided the transportation required by their Contract though they executed themselves to do so &c.

Respectfully Your obt. Servt.
Thos. Wm. Adams
Commanding Corps of Observation
McKenzie &c.

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Lt. Col. Wm. Gibson
Commanding Corps of Observation
McKenzie &c.

LITTLE ROCK ARK. AUG 23

Mr. Wright
Will inform the
Contractors

13 Sept.

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Recd 8 Aug.t 13th Sept.

Irwin's Settlement
Aug.t 14th 1836

General.

There were only twenty waggons ready for the transportation of the Indians at Rachel on the 8th Inst. these I did not consider sufficient for the purpose, but consented to start upon the assurance of the Agents that more would be procured after the second days travel. One waggon gave out at the Grove. the termination of that first days march. & two have since been obtained, making twenty one in all. These are still insufficient. It is true that the baggage, & sick, with many of the children can be transported, but, there are still many that should be transported who are compelled to walk. These teams will meet the party ten miles from this place & we shall then have enough.

The Contractors have been very active, & have, I believe, used every effort to procure waggons. they were not to be procured nearer than sixty or a hundred miles. & had I waited until the number required by the Contract arrived, we could not possibly have got off till late in the month. The Creeks, about nine hundred in number, have very little baggage; & among the Creeks, the waggons are loaded up in a great measure with old women & children.

The party has progressed so far extremely well. The Indians enjoy good health, are satisfied with the manner in which they are treated, & appear cheerful & well disposed; When the party first moved, they committed depredations on orchards & corn fields, & it was impossible either to restrain or punish them; but a law has now been established by all the chiefs, inflicting the punishment of fifty lashes upon any person who

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shall be found guilty of theft. The day after the promulgation of the law, two Yakee girls suffered the penalty of its violation - they were whipped before the whole camp. This has already operated beneficially, & I trust that its influence will last throughout the trip.

We have experienced more trouble & difficulty from the few white men in this part of the Country, than from all the Indians - they are the most depraved, leering, cut-throat scoundrels I ever met with. They would come into camp with offers of service to assist us, in seizing whiskey & other liquors, & at the same time, be selling it to the Indians behind our backs. No serious difficulty occurred, but the people of the neighborhood where we landed, are entitled to all the credit of having done every thing in their power to bring it about. I have permitted several of the Indians to purchase rifles - the country through which they pass abounds in game of every description, & the young men can easily hunt through the woods all day & be up with the party in time to camp. They have killed a great many deer since we started.

I shall write again as soon as an opportunity presents itself.

Have, Sir, very respy
your obt Servt
Walker Barry
Lt & Asst. Q. Mast
in Charge of Emigt Indians

To
Brig Genl
Geo. Gibson
Commy Genl Subs
Washington City

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We have experienced more trouble & difficulty from the few white men in this part of the country, than from all the Indians - they are the most depraved, lying, cut-throat scoundrels I ever met with. They would come into camp with offers of service to assist us in seizing whiskey & other liquors, & at the same time, be selling it to the Indians behind our backs. No serious difficulty occurred, but the people of the neighborhood where we landed, are entitled to all the credit of having done every thing in their power to bring it about. I have permitted several of the Indians to purchase rifles - the country through which they pass abounds in game of every description, & the young men can easily hunt through the woods all day & be up with the party in time to camp. They have killed a great many deer since we started.

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Yours, Sir, very respy

Geo. Ostrander

Walker Barry

Lt. & Adjt. T. Moore

in Charge of Emigrant Indians

To

Brig Genl

Geo. Gibson

Commy Genl Subs

Washington City

D.C.

613 Emigrant Creeks

Waller Barry
New Orleans 19th July '36

Has encamped near the
Inds: near New Orleans
the ground not good
[illegible] purpose [illegible]

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NEW ORLEANS POST OFFICE LA.

Aug 2.

Recd 2 Aug per
[illegible] Aug

New Orleans
July 19th 1836.

General, I had the honor to inform you in my last letter that we should probably be detained at Mobile for one day: in consequence however, of the activity of the Agents & Captains of S. Boats we succeeded in getting under way at 6 P.M. the day that letter was written.

About 12 O'Clock on the night of the 17th we had a very severe gale, & although every precaution had been taken, Swim for some time apprehensive lest we should lose some of the Indians overboard. They were frightened, & consequently submissive & obedient. As many as could be, were stowed away in the holds of the barges & the remainder kept in the centre. Not a single Indian was lost. One, a child, died on the passage.

We

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We landed yesterday morning at the New Canal & put the Indians on shore. One of the barges was retained, for the purpose of taking the sick & infirm children & baggage off the Canal, & was towed up by the Indians themselves to their present encampment near the basin. The situation is by no means a good one for a camp, the ground being low & wet, but, it is the best to be had in the neighbourhood of the City.

It is possible we may be able to ascend the Arkansas River, & the Contractors are now engaged looking up boats for the purpose. We shall hear to-morrow.

I am Sir very respy
your Obt Svt
Waller Bailey
Lt & Adjt 7th Master

Brig Genl
Geo. Gibson
Commdg Genl Subs
Washington City
D.C.

Emigration of the Indians

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Brig. Genl. Geo. Gibson

Commissary Genl. of Subsistence

Washington City

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Ans.

Final Concl. 531.

Dep. Q.M. Genl.

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5 Sept.

Near Little Rock
Arkansas. Augt. 10th 1826

General.

The party of emigrating Indians landed at Racrot on the 30th Ult., were detained there in consequence of the impracticability of procuring teams until the 8th Inst. The conduct of the Indians, while in Camp, was perfectly peaceable & orderly - they had their dances & ball plays for amusement, fishing & hunting for occupation. Some apprehension was entertained that New Mexico people would refuse to move, & indeed they had threatened to do so, but, when the waggons arrived they offered no opposition, & started off with apparent cheerfulness. The situation at Racrot was very unfavorable for an encampment, no water fit for drinking, could be procured, & there was no protection from the heat which was most excessive. Notwithstanding these disadvantages the health of the party continued good. Very few died

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& a very small proportion of the whole number suffered from sickness. The chains & handcuffs taken off the dead were packed up in barrels & brought up to Racoot on board the Revenue Steam Boat. They were put on shore with some thirty or forty barrels of meat & provisions & during the night, rolled into the river by the Indian Sentinels. the barrels containing them were not headed up & the chains are lost irrecoverably.

The party left on the night of the 8th Inst: it being impossible to proceed with the teams through the prairie during the day time. We have reached this point without accident & shall go on ten mil. to night, making for the three nights journies forty miles.

I shall write again from Fort Wins settlement, & enter more fully into details of some matters which at present I feel too much indisposed to take up.

Dear Sir, very respy

Your Obt Servt

M. Allen Barry

Lt & A.D.C. Master

in Charge of Emigrt Indns

Brig Genl

Geo. Gibson

Commdg Genl Dept

Washington City

D.C.

306 Montgomery Alabama
Maller Barry Esq. & Capt. QM.
July 11th 1836.
Ennis Cooke

Enclosing copy of Genl Sesap. Agreeable to Order represented to Capt. John Page and awaits the arrival of a party of Eng. Inds. at Montgomery. &c

27th July

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Rec'd 27 July

Montgomery July 11th 1836

General,

I enclose you a copy of an order received from Lieut Jesup, of the 4th Regt. – In obedience to that order I proceeded to Capt. Page; & am now awaiting the arrival of a body of Indians, to be emigrated to Arkansas.

The contractors seem disposed to forward my wishes, for as early a departure as possible. & this I think of the greatest importance, both for the comfort & safe keeping of the Indians. I shall, as I understand it to be the wish of your department, keep a journal of events from the day I embark. & write to you, informing you of our progress, from every point on the route where opportunity occurs.

I am, General, most respy

Your Obt Svt

J Mellor Barry

Lt & Asst Q. Master

Brig Genl Ges. Gibson

Washington City

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MOBILE, 7/16,1836 BARRY,J.WALTER to COM-GEN GEO.GIBSON (Reports his arrival with the emigrant Creeks on 2 steamboats,etc. Represents them to be contented and cheerful. Found it necessary to engage another physician to assist Dr Abadie)

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Emig Creek

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Mobile Nov. 7.

J. Waller Barry

Mobile 16 July 1836

Reports his arrival with the Emig: Creeks on two Steam boats &c. Represents them to be contented, cheerful, &c

Found it necessary to engage another physician assistant to Dr Abadie

Machinaw Cos

Commissary Genl Subs

Sing. Genl Gen: Gibson

Quartermr Genl Jesup

1 August

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Rec'd / Ans
Send 2 ans

Mobile Ala July 16th 1836.

General,

I have the honor to report to you my arrival at this place, with the emigrating Creek Indians, on their way to Arkansas. They left Montgomery, in two steam boats, each having two barges in tow, on the 14th inst, & reached here this morning about day. No difficulty has occurred since their departure, & although the most of them were hostile, not the slightest disposition to escape has been evinced. They are cheerful & better contented with their situation than I expected them to be.

The contractors have been very active, & very attentive to the comfort of the Indians - they have not suffered them to want in any one particular, that I can ascertain. Mr Howell, one of the Contractors, is with me, & appears anxious to discharge faithfully, & in a manner which shall be entirely satisfactory to the Govt, the obligations of his Contract.

I have found it absolutely necessary to employ some person to assist Dr Abadie in the discharge of his duties; it is not practicable for one Physician to superintend & prescribe for some twenty three hundred Indians, especially when the number is divided between two boats, which are very often not even within hail of each other. Believing that the Department would sanction an act which humanity required, I have employed Dr Chipley to take charge of one of the boats & her crew. We have to take on water, & subsistence stores for the Indians at this place, & shall probably be detained all day. The weather is exceedingly warm & unpleasant, & the Indians are rather com-

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ventable when in motion. I shall write again by the first opportunity

I am very respy, General
your most obt Servt
P. Mallory Rany
Lt & Asst Q. Master

Brig Genl
Geo: Gibson
Commdg Genl Staff
Washington City
D.C.

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Hedqrs Dept Southern Army
Tuskegee July 9th 1836.

Genl.

Lieut Barry will report for duty to Capt Page.

Lieut Caley, will relieve Lieut Barry, as A. A. D. Genl, & will receive from him & account for, all public property in his hands.

Two companies will be detached by Colonel Baylor to accompany the Indian prisoners to Montgomery, & should a guard be considered necessary on the river Alabama, by Lieut Barry, the company of the senior officer, will proceed with the prisoners to Mobile. Should it's services not be required on the river, it will return by easy marches to this place; if it should be required to go to Mobile, it will return to Montgomery & there await orders.

(Signed) Thos: S. Jesup
Maj Genl Comdg

Official
Signed D. A. Chambers,
Lt US Artly

CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

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|---|---|---|---|
| NEW ORLEANS, | 7/20,1836 | BARRY,LT.J.WALLER | (The emigrant Creeks are cheerful and contented,will proceed on their route without difficulty) |
| EN ROUTE | 7/23,1836 | " | (The party of Creek emigrants are satisfied,but little sickness) |

514 Emig Creek

Waller Barry.

New Orleans, July 21st 36

Emigrant Creeks are cheerful and contented and will proceed on their Emigration of Indians Route without difficulty &c

Number Roll 1107

FREE

Brig Genl Scott Gibson

Commy Genl Subs

Washington City

D.C.

NEW ORLEANS La. STATE

Recd 5 Aug.

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Recd 5 Aug

New Orleans
July 20th 1836.

General,

The Indians have been detained here for the last two days, in consequence of the difficulty of procuring suitable boats for their transportation. As I informed you in my last letter, there is a great probability of my being able to ascend the Arkansas river as high up as Fort Gibson, & I have insisted upon having such boats procured as would be able to perform the whole distance. This has been accomplished, & we shall leave here tomorrow as early as practicable. Of the 2300 Indians landed at this place only one (a small child) has died. The Indians are cheerful & contented, & I think, will proceed to their destination without creating any unusual difficulty or opposition.

I am sir very respy
Your ob Ser
Mallet Bany
Lt & Asst D.M.G.

Brig. Genl
Geo: Gibson
Commdg Genl Subs
Washington City.

517 Emig Creek

Mutin Rec. #7.

Lt. J. Walker Barry

Steamer Lamplighter

"Miss. River. July 23. 36

Relates to a party of

Cruel Emigrants on their

way to the "New Country"

States that they are Satis-

fied & hunted little knowed

Or respected the Victims

Emigrants Cruel Conduct

Charge Gen. Atkinson

Emigration of Indians

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Rec'd Aug 18th

Steam Boat Samplighlin
Mississippi River
July 28th 1836.

General,

The Indians were embarked on the 27th inst. on board the Steam Boats Majestic, Samplighlin, & Rescue. The Majestic took the Coselecs, about five hundred in number, & will probably reach Montgomery Point two days before the other Boats. I have accommodated to keep the boats as near together as possible, but find it utterly impracticable. I have on this boat nearly eight hundred Creeks, with their Chiefs Neah Emathla, Neah Micco & Chealmalla. So far I have had no difficulty with them - they are well satisfied with their provisions, & with the exception of the summer complaint prevalent among the children, have no disease or sickness among them. One man died yesterday - he was very old had no complaint - no fever - his physical

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[illegible] almost entirely destroyed, so much so that the pang of death itself passed without causing a struggle.

It is intended to remain a few hours, at some suitable place this side of Natchez, for the purpose of letting the Indians go on shore & having the boat cleaned.

In my communications to the Department I have found it impossible to conform strictly to the forms prescribed in the Order from Head Quarters. It is my wish, & shall be my endeavour, to keep you informed of every movement & important occurrence which takes place among the party under my charge & should any informality be noticed in my reports, I beg it may be ascribed to any cause rather than a desire to avoid or evade the operation of a general order.

I am, Sir, very respy
Your Obt Svt
Walter Barry
Lt & Asst P. Mast

Brig. Genl
Geo Gibson
Commy Gen. Subs
Washington City
D.C.

CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

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| TUSKEGEE, 6/28, 1836 | BATMAN, LT. M.W. | (Reports having complied with orders recd from Quarter Master General) |
| " 7/21, 1836 | " | (Rel to the expense of feeding Indians at their several camps, etc) |
| " 7/28, 1836 | " | (Rel to subsisting the Creeks, asks funds and instructions) |
| " 8/8, 1836 | " | (Returns of provisions recd and issued in July, 1836) |
| TALLASSEE, 8/25, 1836 | " | (Inc returns of provisions for Aug. 1836. Is relieved from duty of feeding Indians, is about to start with a party for Arkansas. Has surplus of bacon and flour which he does not know how to account for, etc) |

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Long Creek

Marsh. Rout #9.

Lt. M. W. Batman
Camp near Wetumpka
2d Sept. 1836.

Is on his way west
with from 2 to 300
Indns: &c.

Batman Lt
Johnson Gov
Johnson & Adams

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WETUMPKA
AL
Dec 28

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and. 14. Sept.

In Camp near Metamphka Ala
2d. Sept 1836

Commdg Genl of Army.
Washington City

Sir
In obedience to Genl Instructions on day I left Tallapoosa on the 31st Ult. with the Opothleyo-ho-la's party of Creek Indians amounting to from 2 to 3,000 Souls. destined for the New homes west of the Mississippi. Thus far we have progressed slowly, owing to the difficulty of collecting the Indians, and a number of the principal men having been arrested by the Civil Authority for debt &c (We have spent this day at this place at the request of Capt Dawson (under the orders of Genl Jesup) to enable him to organize a Mounted party of Creeks for Florida service.

Respectfully Your obt Svt
M. N. Bateman
1st Lt 6th Infy
Commdg Creek Party

Emig - 497 Creek

Lt. M. W. Batman

Tuskegee Ala.

28 June 1836

Reports having complied with orders rec.d from Quarter Master General

21 July

Miscellaneous

Lt. M. W. Batman

Tuskegee Ala.

Forwards Rpts. Ac.

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Recd 21 July.

Tuskegee Ala
28th June 1836

Commissary General of Subs
Washington City

Sir

I have the honor to report that in obedience to orders received from the Quartermaster General, I proceeded to Jackson Mississippi from there to Tuskaloosa Ala from there to Fort Mitchell and from there to this place. I arrived here last night pursuant to the following order

"Head Quarters Fort Mitchell
June 26th 1836

"Order:

1st M. W. Bolin and wife relieve Lt Chambers in the duties assigned to him by order No 2. relative to subsisting the friendly Indians and will report to Capt

Capt Page.

Lieut Baker and will repair to Tuskegee and make that place his Head Quarters."

By command of Maj Genl Jesup
R. P. Parrott
A. A. Genl."

The number of Creek Indians at present at this place and its vicinity, is probably 3,000. Provisions are scarce, and prices high

I have the honor
very respectfully
your obt Svt
M. Th. Polk
1st Lieut 6th Infy

5-15 Emig Creeks

Lt. M W. Bateman
Tuskegee, July 21. 1836

Relative to the expense of feeding Indians at their Surrol Camps. &c.

Aug. 2d

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Rec'd 9 Aug
ans 4 Aug

Tuskegee Ala
21st July 1836

Genl Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl Subs.
US Army

Sir

In my last communication to you I informed you that the Indians generally, have been peaceable and due obedience. They have hitherto been fired upon where and every where, by the authority of Gov Clay and Col. Meagher & Genl Lynch I have endeavored to ascertain the amount of Expenses incurred thereon and report as follows to this date at a few of the posts in this vicinity & from 3 others as follows -

Opothle Yoholo Camp near Tallapoosa — $4.800—
Jim Boys - Camp near Pole Cat Spring — $3 200—
Echo Hayes Camp 12 miles East of Tuskegee — $3 000—
Tus. Hee-ne Camp 4 miles from Tuskegee $1 000—
Camp near McCrory's — 1000
$13 000—

To which must be added some 30.000 Dollars

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by bookbinders in the town of Montgomery which will cost at least 25 cents per volume. Making $12,500. These contracts and expenditures were all made before I assumed on the duty, as yet I have been able to make that form changes for the better.

I have to suggest that you will give me instructions in relation to all these matters.

Please forward me blanks of every kind both such as used in the Commissary & Ordnance Departments.

Should the payment of these sums be authorized to me, the successive funds can be more matters the better.

I am Very
Respectfully
your Obt Svt
M. W. Peterson
Robert E. Lee

Note - The foregoing was written in hand sick

Emig Creek 516

Lt. M. C. Batman
Tuskegee, Alabama
28 July, 1836.

Relates to the subsisting of the Creek Indians and asks for funds and instructions, &c

8th Aug 0

Emig Creek &c

Five Five Eighths
Twenty Three Thirty
Thousand &c.

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Recd. 8 Augt
ans 8 Augt

Tus-kegee Alabama
28th July 1836

Genl Geo Gibson
Commy Genl U.S. Army
Washington City

Sir

I wrote you a few days ago on the subject of subsisting Creek Indians, and have again the honor to address you on this subject. There are now and have been for some time past, from 6 to 8,000 Indians subsisting in the vicinity of this place, who have usually all been placed under my supervision by Genl Scott. The return or rather the quarterly company return has varied at almost every period before issues have been made, in some instances it has been greater and in some less, those that preceded by the Commissary department, have these accounts are to be obtained, or regular returns made I know not; I have therefore to ask specific instructions on this subject

Provisions were first issued to these people by his

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his Excellency Gov Clark, and subsequently by Genl Dessaye and have been opened at perhaps twenty different places I am now concentrating them into Camps for Emigration where they can be fed more economically. I have recently made a contract for feeding a Camp near Dallasport at Seventeen ½ cents per ration, which is ten cents per ration lower than they had been subsisted at that place before

I can form no Estimate of the expense already incurred on account of Indian Subsistence, but believe it will amount to from 20.000 to 30,000 Dollars. In some instances Agents appointed to feed Indians, have exhausted their own Means and that of their Neighbours in procuring Supplies, and are becoming very importunate for Money. I am daily beset by persons having demands for Indian provisions furnished. I mention this to show how important it is that funds should be placed in some persons hands for the payment of these Claims

Our daily expense on account of feeding Indians must be from 1,000 to 2,000 Dollars. I have therefore in Conclusion to request that you will be pleased to furnish me with such funds & instructions as will enable me to discharge my duties properly

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
M. M. Bateman
1st Lieut 6th Regt U.S.L

520 Emig Creek

Lt. Mc. W. Batman
Tuskegee Ala.
Aug. 8th. 1836.

Send a Return of
Provisions Recd and
issued to Creeks
in July 1836

Aug. 22d.

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Ans: 26 Aug.

Tuskegee Alabama
8th August 1836

Commissioner General of Pensions.
Washington City

Sir
I have the honor to enclose you Many Returns of Pensioners named and issued to Creek Indians during the Month of July 1836.

I hope these Returns will be satisfactory. the have been prepared and made up with as much Care as Circumstances would admit

I am Sir very
Respectfully
Your Obt
M. M. Patterson
Pension Agent

Note - The paper presents a variety of colours. but we are glad to get paper of any colour here
M. M. P.

Emig Creek 532.

Lt. Col. Patman
Opelika Ga. to Compt
near Tallassee Ala
23 August 1836

Encl. on Provision return
for August 1836.

Is taken from the Auto
of friendly Indians and
is already to show with a
point you demanded.

Hope this plan will
Bear Officer which
he does not know how
to account for.

6 rep.

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Recd 6 Sept. ans. 6

Opothle. Yoholo's Camp
near Tallapoosa Alabama
25th August 1836

Commissary General of Subs.
Washington City

Sir I have the honor to enclose you a Return of Provisions received and issued by me during a part of the Month of August 1836.

I have been relieved from the duty of feeding Indians, and am about to leave with a party for Arkansas, and the great length of time which will elapse before my return to this place has induced me to render my accounts thus early.

You will perceive that I have a Surplus of Bacon and flour, this I cannot account for (having to trust ~~entirely~~ Merely to footing agents) unless I have received provisions without taking Invoices

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Innocence and have totally forgotten the circumstances

I am Sir very

Respectfully

Your Obt

M. Th. Bateman

1st Lieut 6th Regt

CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TUSKALOOSA, 9/12,1836 | BATMAN,LT.M.W. | (Rel to the Creek emigrants under his charge) |
| MEMPHIS, 10/7,1836 | " | (Reports arrival with his party,another party near at hand numbering in all 10 or 12000) |

Young Creek Resp.

Hon. John Pitfall Mayr
Ch: Comr. of Ind: Affs. N.A.

Requesting to be informed of the names, date of appointment ~~of all officers~~ and compensation of all Officers employed in the Creek Emigration in execution of the Treaty of 24 Mar: 1832

10 May

Hon. Lewis Cass
Sec. of War. Expm. 21st

Emigration Office
Indian Office
Aug. 1832

Hon. Lewis Cass
Sec: War 1832

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Rec.d 10th May
Ans.d 21. May

Navy Dept.
May 9th 1836

Sir

I am directed by the Committee on Indian Affairs to request that you will communicate for their information, the names, ~~number~~ duties of appointment, and the compensation of all officers, commissioners, surveyors, & agents of every description, who have received their appointments from the government, and have been employed in the execution of the treaty with the Creek Indians of the 24th of March 1832.

Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
W. Wall
Chn. Committee on Indian Affairs of Senate

Hon. Lewis Cass
Sec. of War

Emig Creek 539

Lt. M. W. Batman

Tuskaloosa, Ala

12 Sept 1836

Relative to Creek

Emigrants under

his charge —

26 Sept

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Recd. 26 Sept

In Camp 2 miles west of
Tuskaloosa Alabama
12th Sept 1836

Commanding General of Subsistence
Washington City

Sir

I have the honor to report that the party of Creek Indians under my Charge arrived at this place yesterday. Thus far nothing has occurred to interrupt our progress. The Indians get drunk at every town & village we pass through. We have lost five by death. The Indians are only tolerably healthy

I am Sir Respectfully
your obt
M. M. Bateman
Capt C. S. Dragoons

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Emig Co[illegible]

Lt. M. W. Bateman
(near) Memphis Tenn:
7 Oct 1836.
Reports his arrival with
a party of Creeks, & another
party near at hand in
all 10.000 - or 12.000

Memphis Tenn. 7 Oct 1836

Lt. Colonel Commanding
Mobile Ala

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Report

Camp 2 miles West of Memphis
4th Oct 1836

Commanding General of State
Washington City

Sir

I have the honor to report that Detachment of Creek Indians in my charge arrived at this place this day. There other Detachments are within 10 or 15 miles of us, and will be down upon us in two days. We will have from 10 to 12.000 Indians, here together

Respectfully
Your Obt
W. M. Patterson
Capt Comdg Dept

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Creek Emigration

Abstract of Disbursements
on account of Subsistence
for the
Month of April 1836.

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Monthly Abstract of Disbursements for the Subsistence of the
by J. Drew Capt. 6. S.A. Pres. Disbg. Agent Indian Removal & Subsistence

| Dates. | To whom paid. | For what paid | Amount. | | Remarks. – Sh[illegible] continuance [illegible] between payments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Dollars. | Cents | |
| 1836. April 14. | Francis Rafield. | Subsistence | $1.726 | 95 | Account clos[illegible] |

I certify that the above Abstract is just & true, a[illegible]

Capt. 6.

Little Rock.
April 30. 1836.

Subsistence of the Creek Indians for the Month of April, 1836.
moral & Subsistence

| | Remarks. - Shewing whether the payments will continue - how long - the necessity for their continuance & what addition may become necessary, or reduction will be made - distinguishing between payments for the consumption or use of the present Month, and for succeeding Months &c. |
|---|---|
| r. cents | |
| 95 | Account closed on that Contract |

ict is just & true, according to the Vouchers in my possession

J. Morgan Capt. U.S.A.
Agt Ind Affairs

CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| NEW ORLEANS, 8/10,1836 | BELTON,CAPT.F.I. | (Advising of draft in favor of E Duplessis,Cash Com Bank,N O) |
| WHITE RIVER, 8/-,1836 | " | (Has employed a physician to accompany a party of emigrant Indians,etc) |

Emig Cents 525

Capt. F. S. Belton

N. Orleans, 10 Augt 1836

Advising of draft for $1,000 in favor of E. Duplessis Cashr Commrce Bank N.O.

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Brig. Genl Jas Gibson
Washington
D.C

23 Augt

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Recd 23 aug

New Orleans 6 August 1836.

To
Bry General George Gibson
Commy Genl of Subs: USA.

Sir.

I have the honor to advise you, that I have this day drawn on you at sight for One thousand dollars, in favor of E Duplessis Esq. Cashier of the Commercial Bank of the City of New Orleans, and there payable.

This draft is for funds required for the Subsistence &c. of a party of Emigrating Creek Indians. placed under my conduct by agency by Orders from Major General Jesup Commdg Army of the South, copy of which is annexed.

I have the honor to be
Your very ob. Servant
J. J. Mellon
USA Conductor
& Agent Cd Creek Inds.

Head Quarters Army of the South.
Tuskeege Ala. Aug 2 1836.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose the letter of the Sec. and approve the arrangement therein mentioned for the conduct of the Indians West.

You can advise Major Belton at New Orleans of the approval above given and direct him to continue in charge of the party, until they reach their destination.

I am most respectfully
Your ob. Serv.
(Signed) H. L. Scott
Major Gen. comdg Army
of the South.

Major S. B. Brant
Q. Master U. S. Army
Montgomery Ala.

A true Copy
H. J. Belton
Lt. U.S.C.M.T. & Agent
E. Clark Lt.

Emig Creek 529.

Capt. F. S. Belton

Steam Boat belowlawatt

White River Aug. 1836

Sir, employed a Dutton

to accompany a party

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Rd. Sept. 2d.

Steam Boat Magne, below mouth of White River Ark.s Aug. 1830.

Sir:

On my arrival at New Orleans with a party of Creek Indians, on their way to their allotted region, in Arkansas, I respected to be relieved in the charge of the party. I met however Maj. Emerel Jesup's order, & proceed with them to their destination, and after five days halt in New Orleans a passage has been procured in the Steam Boat Magne, by a contract with the Quartermasters Department, to the mouth of White River, and twenty days provisions were laid in by me. It seemed clearly to be foreseen, in N. Orl.s that this party would, from the low stage of the water in the Arkansas, be obliged to march the whole distance, which operation seems yet to threaten us. To meet the operation and the subsistence and contingencies of the party for the land route of near 400 miles, I have received funds to the amt. of One thousand dollars by a draft on you in favor of the Commercial Bank of New Orl.s in addition to ~~[illegible]~~ three hundred dollars received from Major Grant Q. Master Montgomery. The party comprehends some very infirm and aged as well as some very young and there are quite at this time considerable sick rolls among them. My assistant, a Tennessee Volunteer

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and unacclimated is also down with the fever since leaving New Orl.s — To guard against reasonable apprehensions from the season & yf. on the score of health I have engaged at New Orleans a physician Doctor Jones, for the whole route at the rate of $50 month is compensation

I am unable to say from the uncertainty of things what will be my course on arriving at White River, but will of course advise the Dept. of every important act in a service in which I am without instructions and reference and for my conduct of which I respect your favorable consideration

I have the honor to be
Your very obt. Servant
G. I. Pelton.
Capt 2nd Reg Cavl
Condr & agent Emig. Creeks.

To
Hon Geo Gritton
Comm.r Genl of Inds.

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CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

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|---|---|---|
| LITTLE ROCK, 1/9,1836 | BROWN,CAPT.J. DISB.AGENT | (States that 511 Creeks in charge of Mr Beattie accompanied by Lt Deas & Dr'Randall have passed on their way to new home,etc) |
| " 7/31,1836 | " | (Is informed of the arrival of 2300 Creeks at Rock Roe. Has procured teams,inquires how far he will be justified in meeting contingencies etc) |
| " 8/22,1836 | " | (Capt Belton has arrived at White River with 200 Creeks,he has sent a party to assist them in procuring teams) |

Emig Creek 446

See Muster Roll #6.

Capt. J. Brown

Little Rock 9th May 36

States that 311 Cre. N Emigrants passed in charge of Lt. Prather, accompanied by Lt. Beall & Doctr. Randall, on their way thro' New Orleans &c. &c.

Informed by Dr. R that the Emigrants were healthy & had not lost any of them

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Rec'd 1 feby

Little Rock A. T.
Jany 9th 1836.

Sir

A party of Creek Emigrants, in number 511, passed this last evening for their new country West. They were in charge of Mr. Beattie, accompanied by Lieut. Sias and Dr. Randall, U.S.A. —

Should the River continue at its present stage, they will be able to get up as far as Dardanell - from thence by land, they will reach the Creek Agency between the 20th and 25th inst. — Should the Boat not be able to pass the bar at Palarm, 20 miles from this, the party will then, by land, from that place be enabled to reach its destination by the close of this Month

Dr. Randall informed me that the Emigrants were very healthy, not a single individual was sick or in any way indisposed

The Weather is now, as it has been for the last 30 days, remarkably warm and fine for the season.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
J Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Mr Bris Capt 3rd Regt

Genl Geo. Gibson
Comy Genl of Subs.
Washington C. C.

Capt J. Brown

Little Rock, Ark

Must Bd

#7. 31 July, 1836

Informed by express of the arrival of 2300 Creeks at Rock Roe on 29 augt

Presume a trans for the party, and remarks that "how far he shall be justified in meeting a contingence by guaranteeing payments and on the actual system is conjectural, &c — wishes instructions on the subject

Rec.d 22d augt

Ans.d 22 augt

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Little Rock
July 31 1836.

Sir –

By Express from Rock Roi I am informed that 2380 emigrating Creeks were landed at that place on the 29th inst. They are represented to be in good health, subordinate, and evince much anxiety to reach their new country. –

Agreeably to your request I have asked to procure Teams, which this Gen. considered, as far as was practicable, & necessary to establish confidence on the part of owners by an assurance that they would be promptly paid by the Contractors engaged in removing these Indians

How far I shall be justified in meeting a contingence by guaranteeing payments under the Contract system of removal, is wholly conjectural; inasmuch as I have not received any instructions ~~[illegible]~~ points. But here was a case where the government was concerned – Teams were wanted, people were now acquainted with the parties – and that there should be no delay by doubts, &c. I did not hesitate, but at once paid the compensation they should receive for the service of their Teams, and pledged that the same should be promptly paid to them

I am

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I am not acquainted with the fact, yet I do not doubt but the Contractors are prepared to meet expenses accruing in the movements of the Emigrants. Yet a contingency might occur wherein pecuniary aid might be of importance to them. I am therefore desirous of receiving some instructions on the subject.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt

J. Bowman Capt U.S.A
Bvt Maj Asst Inst Genl.

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comdg Genl. of Ord.
Washington D.C.

534 Emig Creek
Number Recd #8

Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock Aug. 22d
1836

Capt. Belton has arrived at White River with 200 Creeks. and Capt. Brown has sent a person to aid him in procuring Teams.

13 Sept.

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Rec'd Jan. 15

Little Rock
Aug 28 1836.

Sir

I am informed that a small party of about 200 Creek Emigrants were landed at the Mouth of White River on the 10th inst. –

Capt. Belton who has charge, informs me that the party is composed of women and children, aged and infirm, and many sick, – that he has purchased a Keel boat and shall make an effort to get to the Post of Arkansas. –

As Capt. Belton is unacquainted with this section of the country, its resources, &c. – and knowing as I do, the slim – as well as very indifferent means of Transport to be found at the Post, I have deemed it proper in order to facilitate the movement as much as possible, to send a person well acquainted with that section of the country, with instructions to aid in procuring Teams, should assistance for that purpose be required; if not – bring the Raw of Letters – to return to this place

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.

[illegible] Capt. U.S.A.
[illegible] Ind. Rend.

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. of Sub.
Washington D. C.

Capt. J. Brown's

Creek Emigration

Estimate of Funds

for 2d qr. 1836.

~~Amt. of Estimate 1855. 80. 8~~

~~deduct Amt. on hand 381. 11 8~~

~~Amt. required 1474 69 4~~

Recd. 14 May.

Amt. of Estimate $ 2879.43

deduct amt. on hand 275.36

Amt. required — $ 2.604.07

Amt. remitted this day 3.000.00

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**ESTIMATE** *of* **FUNDS** *required in the Removal and Subsistence of the Creek — — — Indians, for the Quarter ending 30th June — 1836. with the Application in detail, intended to be made of them, by Capt. J. Brown, U. S. A. Pr. Disbg Agent.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To pay for 47,775 Rations — Subsistence for 525 Emigrants @ 5P. 4¾ Mills — | $2,615 | 68-1 |
| Do. for Services of Clerk employed in the Prin. Disbg. Agents Office, Ind. Rem.l 2nd qr. 1836 — 3 Mos. @ $60. pr. Month — | 180 | — |
| Do. for Rooms occupied for an Office, and storing Indian Goods — Office @ $12. and Store @ $6⅔ per Month — | 55 | — |
| Do. for Stationery — including ½ Ream — Printed Blanks — Bills and Receipts — | 18 | 75 |
| Do. for Public Postage — | 11 | — |
| | $2,879 | 43-1 |

Statement

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Printing Blanks — Bills and Receipts — — — | | 18 | 75 |
| Do. for Public Postage — — — — — | | 11 | — |
| | | $2.879 | 43-1 |
| **Statement** | | | |
| Balance due U.S. for last Acct Current — | $2.037.30.6 | | |
| Disbursed since — — — — — — | 1.761.95. | | |
| Balance to be deducted from the Estimate — | $275.35.6 | 275 | 35.6 |
| | | $2.604 | 17-5 |
| | | $2.604 | 17-5 |
| Deduct Amount estimated to remain on Hand | | 1.000 | 00- |
| Amount required | | $2.604 | 17-5 |

Little Rock
April 21. 1836.

Signed J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Maj. Agt. Ind. Affairs

Capt. L. Brown's
Indian Emigration
Quarterly Statement of Agent
4th Qr. 1836 –

1837

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**QUARTERLY STATEMENT** of Agents and others employed in the Removal a
ending the 31st of December 1836 by Capt. S. Brown. U.S.A. Com. Dist. ~~Special~~

| No. | NAMES. | STATIONS. | DATE OF EMPLOYMENT. | COMPENSATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | John P. Osborn | Dunpaw Agency | 1st April to 31st Dec. 1836 | $40. per Month |
| | James H. Veazie | Little Rock | 1st " to 31st " " | $60. " " |

Little Rock
Dec. 31. 1836

d in the Removal and Subsistence of the Semi Tribes of Indians, for the Quarter

Ern. Dist. ~~Special~~ Agent Indian Rem.l & Subsistence West of the Mississippi

| COMPENSATION. | REMARKS, shewing the nature of the employment, what business was performed during the quarter &c. |
|---|---|
| $40. per Month | Employed as Subsistence Agent to the Osage Emigrants. |
| $60. " " | " as Clerk in the Office of the Ern. Dis. Agt. Ind. Rem.l West. |

J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Dis. Agt Ind. Dept

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CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

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|---|---|---|
| LITTLE ROCK, 3/1,1836 | BROWN,CAPT.JACOB. DISB.AGENT | (Inc abst of bids for furnishing subsistence to Creeks in their new homes) |
| " 5/21,1836 | " | (Recd letters rel to repair of damaged rifles and traps) |
| " 7/1,1836 | " | (Transmitting a/c current,abst and voudhers of disbts for Creeks,also provision returnwith absts etc,2d quarter,'36) |
| " 7/10,1836 | " | (Contract for issues of rations made with Mr Mackey) |

467 ~~Emig Creeks~~ Letter

Capt Jacob Brown
Little Rock
March 1st 1836

Enclosing Abstract of Bids for furnishing Creek Emigrants, in their removing, with subsis:- &c.

23 March

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Little Rock, A. T.
March 1st. 1836.

Sir—

I enclose herewith Abstract of Bids received for furnishing the Creek Emigrants in their New Country with Subsistence from 1st of April next to 31st of March, 1837. So soon as the Bonds are perfected, one of the Contracts will be forwarded to your Office.

The Contract is taken by a very enterprising Cherokee who has a sufficiency of his own to supply all that are now in the country, and, should there be a large emigration, can control ample means to fulfil his Contract.

The Contract is taken lower, by Three-fourths of a Cent on the Ration, than I had reason to expect.

Respectfully
I have the honor to be
Your Obt. Servt.

J Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Mcis Agt Ind Rlns.

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Comdg. Genl. of Subsistence,
Washington, D. C.

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Emig 483 Creek

Capt. J. Browne.

J. Rock, May 21, 1836

Acknowledging letter of the 12 April with enclosures

10 June 1836

Recd 10 June Answd 10 June

Little Rock.
May 21, 1836

Sir -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated 13 ults. accompanied by copies of letters from the late Major F. W. Armstrong, and from Capt. Wm Armstrong, now Actg. Supt. of Ind. Affairs for the S.W. Tr, and both on the subject of repairing and paying damages of damaged Rifles and Traps for issue to the Creek Indians. Also copy of Contract entered into by Capt. McCoch, for making said repairs.

Respectfully
I have the honor to be,
Your Obt. Servt. -

J Browne Capt. U.S.A.
Brevet Capt Ind Reg.

Gal. Geo. Gibson
Comdg Genl of Subs.
Washington D. C.

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3-04 Emig Chocks

Capt Jacob Brown
Little Rock 1st July 1836

Transmitting acct Current
Abst. and Vos. of disbmts
on acct Remvg Subs of
Creek Indians, also pro-
vision Return with Abstract
of Receipts and issues for
2nd qr 1836.

21 July 1836

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Rec'd. 21 July

Little Rock
July 1. 1834.

Sir –

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Account Current with Abstracts and Vouchers of Disbursements made on account of the Removal and Subsistence of the Creek Indians for the 2d quarter of 1834. Also Monthly Return with Abstract of Receipts & Issues for and during the above quarter

Very respectfully
I am, Sir,
Your Obt. Svt.
J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Maj. Mgt Ind. Rem.

Genl. Gr. Gibson
Comdg. Genl. Dept.
Washington D. C.

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Emig West Supt of Letter

Capt J. Brown

Little Rock Ark.

July 1st 1836

Forwards Acct. Cement, Abs.c and Vos. of disbmts on Acct Rem.d and Sub.e Seminole Ind.s for 2nd qr. 1836.

21 July 1836

Recd 21st July

Little Rock
July 1. 1836.

Sir –

I transmit herewith Account Current with Abstracts and Vouchers of Disbursements made on Account of the Removal and Subsistence of the Seminole Indians, during the Quarter ending on the 30th June

Respectfully
I have the honor to be
Your Obt. Svt.

J Brown Capt U.S.A.
Disb Agt Emd Removal

Genl. G. Gibson
Comdg. Genl. of Subs.
Washington D. C.

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570 Ewing Creek

Capt. J. Brown
L. Rock July 10th 1836

Sends a contract for issues of rations to the Creeks made with Mr. Mackey.

Aug. 2d

Recd 2d Aug.

Little Rock
July 11th 1836

Sir –

I transmit herewith, contract with Bonds entered into by Samuel Mackey for supplying the Emigrant Creeks in their New County, West, with Superintendent for twelve months commencing on the 1st day of April, present year, and as per my Report, dated, 1st March last. The cause of not forwarding this Contract, earlier is owing to the securities residing in different parts of the state requiring time to get their signatures

Respectfully
I have the honor to
Your Obt. Svt.

J. Brown Capt. 4th
Mounted Regt Dragoons

Genl. G. Gibson
Comsy. Genl. of Sub.
Washington D. C.

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CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

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|---|---|---|---|
| LITTLE ROCK | 8/1,1836 | BROWN,CAPT.JACOB. DISB.AGENT | (Rel to the erection of Creek mills) |
| " | 8/4,1836 | " | (Estimate of funds on account of removal & subsistence of Creeks for 3d & 4th quarters,1836) |
| " | 9/12,1836 | " | (Rel to a party of emigrants under Capt Belton,he has supplied him with funds to meet expenses of the movement) |
| " | 9/15,1836 | " | (Stating upon what authority he paid for the repair of certain damaged rifles and beaver traps) |

521 Emig Creek

Capt J. Brown
Little Rock, Ark
Augt 1st 1836

Acknowledges letter of the 5th July in relation to the erection of the Creek Mill.

22d August
Ans. 26

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Little Rock
Aug. 1. 1836.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 3rd ult. in relation to the erection of Mills for the Creeks, in pursuance of the 5th Art. of the Treaty of the 14th February 1833.

Very Respectfully
I have the honor to be
Your Obt. Svt.

[illegible] Capt. U.S.A.
Dist. Agt. Ind. Rend.

Genl. G. Gibson
Comdg. Genl. of Subs.
Washington D. C.

52 / Emig Creek

Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock
4 Aug. 1836

Sends Estimate of funds on account Rem. & Subs. Creeks for 3d & 4th qr. 1836

Aug. 26.

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Rec'd 26 Aug.
Ans. 29 Aug.

Little Rock
Aug. 4. 1836.

Sir

I com- herewith Estimate of Funds applicable to Disbursements on account of the Removal and Subsistence of the Creek Indians for the 3rd & 4th quarters current year.

I have the hon- to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.

[redacted] Capt. U.S.A.
Disb. Agt. Ind. Bureau.

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington D. C.

Ming 542 Creek

Capt. J. Brown

Little Rock Sep. 17th 183

Relative to a party of Creek emigrants under Capt. Bellow & stating that he has supplied him with provisions & meet expenses of the movement.

3 Oct

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Little Rock
Sept. 13. 1836.

Sir—

Since my Letter of the 29th ult. in relation to the movement of a Party of Creek Emigrants in charge of Capt. Belton, I have to state that they left Stroud's (30 miles from this on the Cadron route) this morning with fresh Teams, & so far as I can learn are getting on very well

I have supplied Capt. Belton with funds ($3.000) to meet the expenses of the movement.—

Respectfully
I have the honor to be
Your Obt. Svt.

[redacted] Capt. U.S.A.
[redacted] Agt Indd Rend.

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comdg Genl. of Subs.
Washington, D. C.

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Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock.
15 Sept. 1836.

Stating upon what grounds he paid for the Repair of Certain Rifles and Beaver Traps.

Ans 8 Rec 6 Oct.

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Rec'd 1 Oct

Little Rock
Sept. 15. 1836.

Sir—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated the 23d ult.— and in relation to the one concerning the payment of claim for repairing Rifle and Pistol, have to observe that the payment was made in obedience to your instructions dated the 12th of April last, and in concurrence with the communications accompanying that letter. The Rifle and Pistol, I presume, are in possession of the Ord Agent for the Creek, possibly Captain Stephenson may have them in charge— but should rather think them to be in the hands of the former, inasmuch as the repairs of the property was done under contract of Captain McCabe, made by order of Major Armstrong in 1834.—

I have the honor to be
Your Obt Svt.

[redacted]
[redacted] Little Rock

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comdg Genl. of Ord.
Washington, D. C.

CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

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| WAR DEPT, 4/28,1836 | CASS,HON.LEWIS SEC'Y. | (Inc letter from Com.Gen of Subst.Gibson, Designates the description of persons detailed and appointed to aid in the removal of Creeks) endorsement by Ad.Gen.Jones |

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Let this be filed in letter B. and a note made to that effect in the margin of the Letter Book

Emigration of Indians
Office Comy Genl Sub:
22nd April 1836

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose for your information the copy of letter this day received from Captain Page.-

Deeming the temporary services of Mr Sommerville necessary, I had previously sanctioned his employment.

Messrs Sanford & Co., under date of 1st April, report as follows.-" The plan adopted was that there should be five parties prepared to start at short intervals from each other, each party to consist of not less than 1000 or none more than 1500.- Captain Walker expresses the opinion that the whole nation will emigrate this year."

The Contract with Messrs Sanford & Co. requires that a Military Agent and Surgeon shall accompany each emigrating party.- Should the number of parties, contemplated by the Contractors go this season, it is apprehended the requisite number of Military officers

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and Surgeons could not be spared from the army; therefore, I respectfully recommend the employment of competent citizens and private physicians:— The Agent and physicians to receive $4 per diem and their actual expenses while going, and the per diem pay for returning to their residence when discharged the service, allowing them to travel 30 miles per day.— As it is apprehended however that competent physicians cannot be obtained, at this rate of pay for temporary service, I would recommend that the Superintendent be allowed to procure the services of physicians on the best terms he can, without restricting him to the above pay.—

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully
Your Mo: Obt. Servt
Geo Gordon Gill

The
Hon.ble Lewis Cass
Secretary of War

As far as the good of the service will permit I prefer that military officers should be sent with an detachment of Creeks. The Com.d General will therefore consult with the Adj. Genl and have such officers detailed as may be necessary from time to time when this can be done without injury to the Army. Where it cannot be let the Superintendent be authorised to employ proper persons at the rates mentioned. As to Surgeons the Com.d Genl will consult with the Surgeon Genl who will furnish him with Army Surgeons. But when they cannot be furnished the Surgeon Genl will

S. I. 8 1258

Emig Creeks 3142

Sir April 1836

Put to each office in call into service those persons who have passed the Board for Medical examination & who are now waiting for appointments. Let them receive the same compensation as Apis.d Surgeons

Respectfully
28 Apl 1836 L. C.

Officers, within stipulating distance, cannot, in my opinion, be withdrawn, at this time, from their Company without injury to the Military service.

T. S. Jesup
Apl. 29th K.G.

Hon. L. Cass
Secy War
28th April 1836

Designating the description of persons to aid in the removal of the Creek Indians

28th Apl

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| WAR DEPT. 5/13,1836 | SEC'Y. | (Directing the Commissary Gen of Subsistence to inform Capt Page of the desire of the Dept to push the Creek emigr. and of the request to the Comrs that their investigations be first finished in those districts where the Indians are prepared to leave) |
| " 5/16,1836 | " | (Directing as above of the measures provided to subdue the Creek hostiles, also that the annuity will be sent as soon as the bill passes Congress making the appropriation) |

Genl Gibson will inform Capt Page that this dept is exceedingly desirous that he should push the emigration of the Indians as rapidly as possible. And also let him know that the Commissioners have been requested to finish the investigation in those districts first where the Indians are prepared to go. The Commissioner of Ind Affrs will communicate this wish to those Commissioners. L.C.

Dept of War
13 May 1836

Emig Creeks 3 & 4

Hon Secretary of War

War Dept. 13 May 1836

Directing the Comy Genl of Subsistence to inform Capt Page of the desire of the Dept to push the Creek emigration and of the request to the Commrs that the investigation be finished first in those Districts where the Indians are prepared to go.

War Department
Office Indian Affairs

13 May 1836

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Copy.

Fort Mitchell, Alabama,
30th April, 1836.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your several communications 13, 16, 19 & 20 April. – I leave here this day to visit the Upper Creeks and ascertain if it is possible to emigrate them before the investigation is closed. Colonel Hogan has never closed any one district, he has gone partly through one and then commenced on another. If the Indians will not start till the investigation is closed, the Government can judge the time as well as I can. There are about three thousand say they are ready so soon as their business is settled. – If I could break in upon those who have had no complaints to make, a party or two would be started in 10 days or less. The Contractors are all ready for them and are among them to see if any thing can be effected. The whole power is in the hands of the investigating Agents. When they close their business they will go, that is, those who have any idea of emigrating. If the investigation is not closed till the contract expires, the Government must judge for themselves on this

business

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business. — So soon as I return I will state what success I meet with and the reasons advanced by the chiefs for not going into Camp.

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your Obt. Servant
(Signed) John Page
Capt. & Emigrating Agent

P. S.

I have just received a letter from Colonel Hogan in which he states the investigation has ceased for a short time, he has gone to Mobile.

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Copy

Fort Mitchell, Alabama,
8th May, 1836.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 26th last Month notifying me Ten thousand dollars had been required to meet my requisition. – I have notified you the State of the Indians. I have always been cautious that a false alarm should not be created by me. – The Indians below this are committing all the depredations they can, they are determined to have possession of all the plantations in three or four towns, and in fact they have now got them, the occupants having fled to Georgia for safety. Major William Florency, a respectable planter, was carried by this place yesterday a corpse, shot and his scalp taken off by the Indians while on his way to this place; his house was also shot. A Mr Tarrant residing in the neighborhood of Major Florency is also reported to be shot, a young man this moment reports a Mr Hobbs shot in his bed last night, our informant was by his side, he sprang out and raised a plank (it being a log house the plank

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not nailed) secreted himself under the house, the Indians then broke the bolt, entered the house, took out all the trunks, broke, and robbed them of their contents. This man was shot by placing the gun between the log of the house, Sentinel were placed round the house, This young man made his escape after left the house; he remained in the woods all night. There were two plantations about a mile off, he heard five guns near there, after the Indians left. Whether any person is shot we know not. Negroes they do not kill as this man had three in a house about one hundred yards off. He says the Indians told them they intended to kill all the white people. – I stated to you I would communicate to you the talk I had with the Upper Creeks, I will do so by next Mail. They are disgusted with the investigation and say they will not wait any longer than it will take to settle their debts, there is from five to eight thousand ready to be off were it not for this investigation, which I think cannot be closed in six months. The upper Creeks say they have adopted a plan of their own in regard to the disputed lands, and will be off in a month. By tomorrow mail I will detail to you their plans. These upper

chiefs

chiefs said they had rather hear any word mentioned than investigation; the upper creeks are determined to be off, they are at this time perfectly friendly; but the Lower Creeks, as I have heretofore reported, are hostile and must be treated as such, the War whoop has been sounded among them. Colonel Hogan is in Mobile but reports to the Editors of the News papers that the Indians are not hostile &c. I do say he knows as little about Indians as any man I ever saw, and I assure you they are getting tired of his talk, promises every thing and gives nothing, flattery will do for the Indians for the moment to be popular, but in the end it will have a very serious effect. These Indians do not hesitate to to say that the Seminoles have whipped the white people, they know all the movements in Florida, but all can be checked if taken in season. I stated some time ago that force was necessary.

With respect
I have the honor to be
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) John Page, Capt.
Supt. Creek Reml.

Brig. Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comy. Genl. Subsist.
Washington City

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Genl Gibson will inform
Capt Page that measures
have been taken for the
defence of the settlements
in Alabama & Georgia
against the Creek Indians
the Governors of those States
have been authorised to
call into service such
militia force as may
be necessary. And Genl
Tenwick has been ordered
them with 6 additional
Companies of Artillery.
Capt Page will keep the
Dept advised of what
seems to will use every
exertion to induce the
Indians to emigrate as
quick as possible. Applicat
has been made to the Sec
of the Com. of Tennessee

urge the passage of the bill
in order that the Indians
may not be delayed for
the want of their
annuities.

L. C

Dept of War
May 16. 1836

16 Aug

Genl Gibson
Fortifying the Country
Mr Cass May 16 1836

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WAR DEPT. 5/19,1836 (ABS SEC'Y. to GEN.GEO.GIBSON

(Instructing him to inform Col J Hogan that in sonsequence of Creek hostilities his services will no longer be required.His assts should also be informed that their business should be closed and a/cs transmitted for settlement. That he instruct Capt Page to take possession of Indians' arms and send them west,that required annuity will be transmitted with directions.Directs that so much of instructions to Gen Jesup as relates to Creek land be forwarded to Capt Page,etc)

Emig Creek 326

G. Gibson

Sec'y War to

Com Genl Subs.

Washy 1836

Instructing him to inform Col: Thayer that his services are no longer required in consequence of the Creek hostilities; that the Certifying Agents also be informed that affairs at present require their business closed, and to request that their Accts be transmitted for settlement. — That he will instruct Capt: P. to take possession of the Indians' arms, when disarmed, & send them West of the Miss. and that he will inform him the required annuity bill will be transmitted as soon as the Bill passes, with directions as to its payment. — Directs so much of the instructions to Genl Jesup as relates to the "Creek Land" &c be forwarded to Capt. P. — &c

19th May

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# Memorandum

General Gibson will inform Colonel Hogan that the removal of the Creek Indians, will, in consequence of their hostilities be a military operation, and like the removal of the Seminoles, be entrusted to the Military authorities. General Jesup has been assigned to the command, and the whole matter will be under his direction. Colonel Hogan's services therefore, will not be required to superintend it. General Gibson, and Judge Henning will also communicate to the certifying agents, and all other persons in employment among the Creek Indians heretofore, that the new state of things in that quarter, renders it necessary that their business should be closed. They will therefore be requested to transmit their accounts for settlement, and payment, and informed that their services are no longer wanted. Such of the removing agents as may be necessary, may be continued at the discretion of General Jesup. But it is desirable that the whole matter should if possible be arranged by the Military agents.

General Gibson will also instruct Captain Page, when the Creek Indians

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are disarmed, to take possession of the arms, and transport them west of the Mississippi. But not to let them be taken in company with the Indians. Directions will be given for depositing them at Fort Gibson, where they will be retained until it will be safe to put them into the hands of the Indians. Of this the acting superintendent Mr Armstrong will judge, and the commissioner of Indian Affairs will advise him accordingly.

As the Indians will receive ample supplies from the United States for a year after they reach their own country, their arms will not be required for the purpose of procuring provisions by hunting.

General Gibson will further inform Captain Page, that as soon as the annuity bill passes, the necessary amount will be transmitted to Captain Page, with directions to pay over to such of the Creeks as may remain friendly, and and disposed peaceably to remove without delay, the sums due to them in proportion to their numbers.

General Gibson will also transmit to Captain Page a copy of so much of the instructions of this day to General Jessup as relates to the arangements with relation to

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and the removal of the Creek Indians,

the Creek lands. The proposition recommended in Captain Page's letter of the 9th. instant is entirely approved, and the department is very desirous that it should be carried fairly and fully into effect. Whatever however, is done, should be done speedily. Captain Page will be under the direction of General Jesup in the execution of his various duties, and as the instructions of the former Officer are ample, it is not deemed necessary to add any thing upon the subject.

Lewis Cass

War Department
May 19. 1836

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| WASHINGTON, 4/4,1836 | CHAPMAN,HON.R.<br>COL.HOLLINSWORTH | (With a petition from the inhabitants of Benton Co.Ala. requesting that means may be provided for the immediate emigration of the Creeks and recommending the appointment of an asst emigrating agent)<br>2 inclosures |

Indian Emigration
Office.

Maj. Genl. Gaines
Ala. & Miss.

War Dept
Ansd April 14. 1836

Emig Creeks 320 Ref.

R. Chapman

Washgn. 4 April 1836

Encloses a letter from Col. Hollinsworth, and a petition from the inhabitants of Benton County Ala. requesting that means may be provided for the immediate Emigration of the Creeks, and recommending the Appt. of an Apl. Emig. Agt.

Rec. 16 April

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Washington
April 4th 1836

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose upon herewith, a letter from Col. Hollinsworth, and a petition from many citizens of the country acquired from the Creek Indians; recommending the appointment of an assistant emigrating agent, for the removal of the Creeks; and designating Judge C. A. Green of Benton County A., as a suitable person for the office. I am acquainted with Judge Green, and believe him to be well qualified for that situation. From my knowledge of Col. Hollinsworth, and many of the individuals who have signed the recommendation, I am authorized to say, that they are highly respectable, and their statement may be relied on. With great respect

Hon: Lewis Cass
Sec. of War

Your ob. St.
R. Chapman

Jacksonville 16 March 1836

Dear Sir.

As the mail is about to close I hasten to drop you a line on the subject of the indian Emigration

I assure you sir that ~~that~~ a large number of the upper creeks has removed north of this place say to the amount 3000 now sir in order to get them removed as the inhabitants are much alarmed I earnestly request you to use your influence with the war Department to have them removed speedily as great inconvenience will arise from their location in that quarter as a friend to you in your standing I would recommend to your notice Judge C. A. Green as a suitable man to conduct that business as he is well acquainted with the most of the upper creeks and I think is the most formidable man that could be represented to you to have them speedily removed

I shall expect an answer from you with respect to I remain

yours — Benj. Hollingsworth

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State of Alabama
Benton County

To the Hon^e the Sec^y of War &c

Petition and memorial of the undersigned would respectfully represent — 1st that they consider it absolutely necessary both for the preservation of the Creeks — and the safety of the inhabitants in the ceded country — that means for their Emigration should immediately be afforded them — From the facts hereinafter set forth the reasons will appear obvious — The Indians, who had reservations of any value, have already sold them — and not one in fifty, has a Dollar saved from the sale. After their land & money is gone, such is the prejudice of the whites against them — that no safe place is left for them in the settlements the consequence has been that they have & are gathering in large bodies where no whites settle — on account of the sterility of the land — the swamps &c — And as the Indians in such places can obtain no land for cultivation — & as there is no game — they have invariably, to keep from starvation turned into plundering — Neither Hogs sheep. Cattle — or produce of any kind is safe from their depredations — It is therefore

J. Lane
John T. Pope
Benj. Hollingsworth
Benj. Clopton
Asa Carrell
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Joseph L. Gladden
William Lane

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| George J [illegible] | George Weir |
| James Wood | James Lyle |
| Thos M Lekent | A M Byers |
| Zion [illegible] | A Kennady |
| Wm Wood | M Butts |
| Zion Black | J Murphy |
| John H B Porter | C D Willis |
| Thomas G Harper | Joseph Storine |
| Wm Orear | Wm B Hollingsworth |
| Miles Whiteside | J P Hollingsworth |
| John M Whiteside | H B Pendleton |
| Noah Whiteside | George Glaze |
| C Ramsey | John Lindsey |
| A W Keeling | Jas M Campbell |
| B C Mayfield | G R Clarke |
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| G Hoke | M P Neal |
| | Henry Brock |

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easily to draw the conclusion. what the exasperation against them now is - & to what extent it will go on until the Indians can only find protection from either completely secreting themselves - or leaving the country - Already the whites are forming plans to drive them from their settlements - and it is our daily expectation to hear of some event by which the whites will relieve themselves from such dangerous neighbours - In conclusion - we would say that the Indians are starving - rapidly dying from their exposed situations - & totally unsafe from the whites - whose prejudices arising from their thefts - & the hostility of other Indians with whom the Creeks are supposed to be connected - will not long suffer them about their settlements - Perhaps no time as favorable to their Emigration has ever happened - It is our opinion that if an agent were now appointed - with whom the Indians were acquainted - & in whom they had confidence that those in this country would Emigrate in a body It is supposed that half the Creek tribe have removed to this country on the disputed lands between the Cherokees & Creeks ——— Your Memorialists would further state that the reason why the Creeks have not before emigrated was, that strangers to them have been appointed agents they are credulous - & will trust none but known

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friends – they will sell their lands to a friend for $100 – when a stranger could not obtain them for a $1000 – Some person accustomed to their ways & habits – & who has a strong influence over them – would succeed instantaneously – Your Memorialists would therefore state that since the present agent Colonel Hogan, an able & more Efficient Deputy could not be appointed than the Honorable C. A. Green – He is personally known to all the Indians – has a strong influence, as any man in the nation over them – and besides He is the person of their choice – He is well known by some of the Representatives from this state – We hesitate not to say – that his appointment will please the Indians – that he would have more influence in persuading them to emigrate & finally do more for the interest of Government the safety & interest of the white settlers – & the protection of the Indians themselves. than perhaps any other person in Alabama could do

Your Memorialists would respectfully submit the above

Thos Lewis
Geo. D. Hale
Wm Cochran
John Lawson

S. P. Lane
John T. Pope
Benj. Hollingsworth
Benj. Matthews
Asa Carrell
Thos Logan
Austin Crow
Joseph L. Gladden
William Lane

CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

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| LITTLE ROCK, 1/9,1836 | DEAS,LT.EDWARD | (His party on boat above Little Rock. Rel to movement of ponies and their subsistence) |
| ON MISSOURI,1/1,1836 | " | (Statements and a/cs for Dec.1835,etc) |
| LITTLE ROCK, 2/16,1836 | " | (Reports arrival,etc. A/cs for 4th quarter 1835) |
| FT.GIBSON, 2/5,1836 | " | (Stating that party of Creeks under him arrived at their destination 2/2,1836,were mustered and rolls signed.Journal will be forwarded from Ala.) |
| MOBILE, 3/12,1836 | " | (Forwards his journal of Occurrences on the routh of party of Creeks) |

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Steam Boat Alpha 20 miles above Little Rock, Arkansas. 9th January 1830.

J. Rec'd 8 Feby

General Geo. Gibson
Commissary General of Subsistence

General

It was my intention to have written yesterday from Little Rock, but after reaching that place it was found expedient to make our time of stopping so short as not to admit of my doing so properly. There is a small town a short distance above us where I shall have an opportunity of mailing this. I had the honour last to address you from Memphis on the 31st ult. reporting the progress of the Party now emigrating up to that time. We did not leave that place until the next morning, the 1st inst. about 9 o'clock at which time also, the Ponies were assembled on the west bank of the river, ready to proceed towards Fort Gibson through the Mississippi Swamp.

Since that time nothing of consequence has occurred to the Party on board of the Boats.

The Arkansas is not high, but is on the rise, and we hope to reach the end of our journey without being again obliged to travel by land. The Boats have stopped every night since entering this river, and we have averaged about 40 miles a day. The weather has been

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remarkably mild & favorable to our progress, and the Indians are healthy & apparently well satisfied.

The Horses & Ponies were not all passed over the Mississippi at Memphis until the evening of the 31st ult. & until this was done their numbers could not be ascertained. I then found that out of 154 that had left Jacksonville on the 28th ult., upwards of twenty had not crossed the Mississippi. They had been disposed of on the way with the exception of two, which were lost. This sacrifice of property the Agent who accompanied them informed me was owing to a want of sufficient Forage, the allowance of two quarts of corn not being sufficient to support them. I ascertained the above facts from the Agent who had charge of the Ponies and as soon as I had done so, finding that the average rate at which they had travelled from Jacksonville to Memphis had more than doubled that laid down in the Contract, I stated to the Agent of the Company, that it was my opinion that when the average rate exceeded that laid down, the amount of Forage should be increased by them in proportion, and that unless it was their intention to do so, I explicitly objected to the Ponies being obliged to travel more than an average of 12 miles a day.

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After some discussion my proposition was acceded to, and directions were accordingly given that for the future some quantity of corn should be issued, as it was expected they would probably [illegible] between 20 & 30 miles a day. We hoped to hear from them getting at Little Rock but did not. We shall probably cross at Dardanelle, about 100 miles above. The above embraces all the facts of interest that have occurred since I last wrote & I have nothing further at present to communicate upon the subject of the Emigration

I am Sir, Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Edw Lear
2nd Lieut &
Disbg Agent in the
Creek Emigration.

Eng Corresp P. 51

St. Ed. Deas

N. Post Office Mississippi
1 Jany 1836

Forwards Statement of letters for Month Decr 1835. — Acct for the 4th Quarter to be forwarded as soon as Signature of Supt. is obtained.

8 Feby

Recd 8 Feby

Steam Boat Alpha Mississippi R.
below Memphis 1st January 1836.

To,
General George Gibson
Commissary General of
Subsistence

General.

I transmit herewith a statement
Received & written by me on the
Indian Emigration for the month of December
1835. I shall forward my Accounts
for the last quarter as soon as I obtain
the signature of the Superintendent & the Agents
generally to my last instructions.

I am Sir, Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Edward Lucas
2nd Lieut &
Asst. Agent in the
Creek Emigration

~~Emig Pawnee~~ 62
~~Letter~~

Lt Edward Deas
Little Rock, 16 Feby 1836

Mentions his arrival at Little Rock and receipts letters of 26 Dec and of the 6th & 13th Jany
Encloses his accounts for the 4th Quarter 1835

10th March

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec.d 10th March

Little Rock Arkansas
16th February 1836.

To
General George Gibson
Commissary General
of Subsistence

General,

I arrived at this place yesterday on my return from Fort Gibson to Alabama, and have received your letters of the 21st December last, & of the 6th & 15th of January. In accordance with the Governor I have the honour herewith to transmit my accounts for such disbursements as it was necessary to make in the last Quarter of 1835.

I am Sir, Respectfully
Your Obed.t Servant
Edw.d Lucas
2nd Lieut &
Sub.t Agent in the
Creek Emigration

Emig Creeks 63

Lt Edward Deas

Fort Gibson, 5th Mt 36

Stating that the party of Creeks accompanied by him from Ala arrived at their destination on the 2nd — that they were mustered and the Rolls signed &c

Thos Foster Randall and himself will return to the Creek Nation when his "Journal of occurrences" will be forwarded

10 March

Fort Gibson Arkansas Ty.
Rec'd 10 March 5th February 1836.

To
General George Gibson,
Commissary Gen.l of Subsis.ce
General.

I have the honour to state that the Party of Emigrating Creeks which I have accompanied from Alabama, arrived at their destination near this place on the 2nd inst. On the 3rd they were mustered in the presence of Captain Stephenson, the Agent of the Contractors, & myself as directed, & the Rolls have been signed accordingly. The Indians expressed their wish to be carried no further than the western bank of the Verdigris River, where they were received by Capt. Stephenson, who commenced issuing provisions to them yesterday. Dr. Randall and myself having no further business here, will return to the Creek Nation, East, as soon as possible.

Nothing else of particular importance has occurred in relation to the Indians since I had the honour to address you upon the 28th ultimo. My Journal exhibits in detail all occurrences upon the route, and will be forwarded as directed upon my return to Alabama. I am Sir, Respectfully

Your Obed.t Servant
Edw. Lear
2nd Lieut. T Dragoons Agent
in the Creek Emigration

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| FT.MITCHELL, 4/1,1836 | DEAS,LT.EDWARD | (A/cs for 1st quarter 1836. Inquires rel to points not embraced in regulations,etc) |
| TUSCUMBIA, 10/2,1836 | " | (Rel to progress of a party under his direction) |
| PURDY,TENN. 10/10,1836 | " | (Rel to promised a/cs etc) |

75 Emig Cert

Letter.

Lieut. E. Deas
near Purdy Tennessee
10th Oct. 1836.

Promising to send on his account for disbursement in Creek Rem.l made between 1st Aug.t & 30th Sept.

27 Oct.

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Rec.d 27 Octr. Encampment of Indians 3 miles west
Ans.d 27 Dec. of Dundy, Tennessee
10th October 1836.

To
General George Gibson
Commissary General of Subsistence

General,

I take the first opportunity I have had since the first of the present month, of making out my accounts for disbursements in the Creek Emigration, from the 1st April to the 30th September 1836, and will forward them by the earliest opportunity.

I have the honour to be Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant.
Edwd. Lucas
First U.S. Dragoons
Assistant Agent in the
Creek Emigration

Emig Creek 74

Lt. Edw: Dead

Tuscumbia Ala.

2 Oct: 1836

Relative to the progress of an Emigrating Creek party under his direction

17 Oct

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Respectfully Your Obt. Hble. Servt.

Edw. Dead

Lt. Col.

Maj. Genl. Thos. S. Jesup

Washington City

D.C.

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Recd 17 Oct

Encampment of Indians near Pensacola Alabama
Jany October 1836.

To
General George Gibson
Commissary General of Subsistence

General,

I have the honour to state that the Party of Creek Emigrants which I have accompanied from Talladega, arrived and encamped at this place this afternoon. Nothing of particular importance has occurred upon the route since I last reported the progress of the Party, on the 27th ultimo. Every thing relative thereto is still going on well, except that there has been of late, some sickness amongst the people, but not of a serious nature. The cases however are numerous & as Dr. Townsend was detained near Somerville, by indisposition & has not yet come up, I am now under the necessity of engaging a Physician to attend the Party towards Memphis, as long as may be necessary. The Contractors have thus far, shewn every disposition to conform strictly to the Contract, in the removal of the present Party, & their fare as yet, has no difficulties upon the route, others than the circumstances ele-

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relation to a drunken Indian's being wounded which I mentioned in my last communication.

We shall proceed from this on the most direct route towards Memphis.

I have heard occasionally, from travellers, very favourable accounts from the 1st Party that started from Talladega under my direction, & which crossed the Tennessee River, that they also are progressing towards Memphis, by a more northern route, to the satisfaction of all concerned. There is nothing further for me to communicate at present upon the subject of the Emigration

I have the honour to be General
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Edwd. Deas
Lieut. U.S. Army
Disb.g Agent for the
Creek Emigration

Letter 67
Ans. Crees

Lieut. Ed: Deas
Fort Mitchell
1 April 1836

Encloses his Rects for 1st Qr. 1836. — Wishes to know the views of the Government on several points, in relation to the Removal of the Creek Indns., not alluded to in the Contract or Regulations furnished him, &c.

14 April 1836

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Rec.d 12 April Fort Mitchell Alabama
Ans.d 14 April 1st April 1836.

To,
General George Gibson
Commissary Gen.l of Subsistence
General,

I have the honour herewith to forward my Account in the Indian Emigration, for the 1st quarter of 1836.

Under the supposition that I am to accompany the next party of Creeks that may be removed by J. W. A. Sanford & Co.s I shall be glad to know with certainty, the views of the Government upon several points not alluded to in the written Contract, or in any Regulations [illegible] I have seen. 1st Is the Indians a right to transportation by Land, the whole distance, supposing it to be practicable, notwithstanding that this mode may be more expensive than by water. 2nd When a Party may be removed by Water, and the Horses & Ponies taken from under the

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the observation of the Government Agents, are inter
the contractors to be held responsible for the
any loses that may accrue upon the route by
by Land, or have they a right to treat the
the Horses & Ponies more than the average rate
of 12 miles a day without increasing com,
the amount of Forage, proportionally, and
3rd. If a Party may be removed from
by water, will the amount of Transportation of the
tation be left to the judgement of the
government officers, (as in other cases,
of doubt, occurring under the Contract),
or will the Department define the
relation between the number of the Party
& the description & tonnage or size
of the Boats to be employed, as is done
for the means of transportation by Land.
The foregoing are the only points ma-
terially affecting the rights & interests
of the Indians upon which I had any
doubts in the removal of the last
Party, and I mention them that I
may be enabled to perform my duties,
with strict justice to all parties con-
cerned. I have nothing further of

-ne interest to say at present upon the subject of
-for the Emigration, except that I am perfectly
-ronti satisfied from what I have seen, that if
-head the allowance of Forage could be increa-
-sage seasons, the expense would be small, when
-ing compared to what would by this means, be
-ally. saved to the Indians, in Property, by carrying
-ed their horses through the whole route, instead
-ppor- of being obliged to leave, or sacrifice them
-the upon the way for a trifle, for fear of
-ttles, losing them entirely. I have the
-act), honour, to be, Sir, Respectfully
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CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

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| MONTGOMERY, 7/15,1836 | GRAYSON,LT.J.B. | (States that 2500 Indians started for the west via Mobile & New Orleans,also that many of the hostiles have been taken it is believed only a few remain,confidence has been restored. Expects 1500 mounted volunteers from Tenn.) |

Montgomery Alabama
July 15th 1836
John B. Grayson
1st Lieut 4th A. C. G

Muster Roll #7

Letter to Genl Gibson

Emig Creek 72 Muster Roll #7
Lt J. B. Grayson
Montgomery Ala
July 15th 1836

States that 2,500 Inds
Started for the West
via Mobile and New-
Orleans, also that many
of the hostile Inds have
been taken & that it is
believed there are but few
left. — Confidence so much
restored as to induce the
mail stage to go to Columbus.
Expects 500 mounted
Volunteers from Tenn. &c

27 July

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Recd 27 July

Montgomery Ala. July 15th 1836

General,

I have not had the honor to address you for some days, as nothing of importance has transpired. Two Thousand, Five hundred Indians left this place yesterday morning for the West via Mobile & New Orleans. Official information this morning received from the head quarters of the Army, gives us the pleasing intelligence that many other hostile Indians have been taken prisoners & we are further led to the belief that there are but few left in the whole nation. Confidence has been so far restored, that this morning the mail stage left here for Columbus. This afternoon 1500 Mounted Volunteers from Tennessee will arrive here & I shall have to open to them as also continue sending subsistence to the Army. I am happy to inform you; that there has been no complaints for the want of provisions, the there has been irregularities in the issues at Fuskhiga & the Army, as the commissaries are volunteers & unacquainted with the duties of the department. It is more than probable that all the claims arising from the Creek war, prior to my arrival here can & will be adjusted in less than a month.

I am very respectfully
Your Mo: obt Servt John B. Grayson
1st Lieut & A.C.S

Genl George Gibson
Com. Genl Subs.

CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

COOSA CO. 2/18,1836 HEARD, E.F. M.SMITH & OTHERS (Representing the destitute and desperate condition of the Indians etc. Requesting that an emigration may be opened for those in their district,etc)

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Rec'd 18 March.

Succoppattoya, Coosa County, Alabama,
February 18, 1836.

To the Honorable the Secretary of War of the United States: Sir, we the undersigned citizens of Coosa County concur in hereby advising you of the starving and desperate [redacted] of our [redacted] and families; and in respectfully requesting that an emigrating office may be opened for these unhappy people somewhere in their land district. We are fully of the opinion that, if an emigrating office were opened here hundreds would immediately flock to it. The majority of [redacted] lands within the last year, and have lately been turned out of their homes and are now wandering over the country in large companies; the intention of which is not yet understood by us, and is producing considerable alarm. They neglected their crops of the last year and consequently have nothing to subsist on for the coming

season than they have ever been known to have at this season of the year. If they continue among us for another season the majority of them will become perfectly destitute of any thing to subsist on, and it is easy to foresee, the course that would be pursued by a body of starving people. Considerable alarm has been produced within our town the fact that an unusual quantity of fire arms has lately been purchased by these people, at Wilkinsonville and our counting stones: In a word, policy as well as humanity, inquire that something should be forthwith done for these people; and what it is we, with a firm reliance on your magnanimity and high sense of justice, leave to your wisdom to direct

Elias Ashmun
Mitchell Smith
Frederick Bargess
Samuel S. Graham
John Thomas

William B. Harris
Boice Mc Bargh
John Gadsis
Aaron Haring
George T. Hunt

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Richard Vinzant
William Rice
James Groodgame
Patrick McKinney
James Bullard
David Drive
James C Campbell
David Campbell
Jno. McCarter
J. C. Landendale
Joseph Landendale
Thos. McClure
James Downing
J. P. Brown
Warren Embry
Abel Lewis
Andrew Campbell

Thos. Ryans
Samuel Wiseman
Joseph R Barnett
John Barnett
J. W. Smith
Burwell Ware
Isaac Lamb
S Petty
A. A. Floyd
William Gettys
John P. Shaw
Daniel Nabors
Wm A Campbell
John Griffin
William Miller
Thos. Weems
John Russell

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17 March 1836

Emigrating
Indian Office

Chap 158 Repealed

E. H. Heard
Mitchell Smith and others
Sugar Coppatto qu. Coosa County
Ala. 18th Feb. 36

Representing the destitute state
of the Indians and asking that
a Land office and registering
office may be opened for them in
this district, &c.

William Gillian
Thos Heard
Wm Weatherford
Wm Hampton Howard
John Logan
Robert C. McGregor
F. G. McAuley
Benj. Lewis
Ed H. Hoffman
Wm Hawkins
Lewis Cotburn

18 March

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CREEK (EMIGRATION) FILE

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| TUSKEGEE,1/7,1836 | HOGAN,JOHN B.<br>DR.J.M.INGERSOLL to<br>MR.HOWELL | (Showing that the contractors in conducting the party of Creeks west have acted inconsistently with terms of their contract.Expresses the opinion that if the Dept continues the contract they may have ample cause to regret it. Mentions a visit from Opothle Yoholo and others)<br>2 inclosures |
| FT MITCHELL,2/22,1836 | " | (Warns of the difficulties in the way of emigration.Present system under contractors will fail. Suggests a plan that might succeed,etc) |

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To Genl. Geo. Gibson.

Rec'd 23 Jany

Copy this

Ans'd 25 Jany

Washington 20th January 1836

Sir;

Enclosed is a copy of Dept. Ingersolls letter dated Tuscumbia on the Tennessee River 22nd December 1835 - addressed to Mr. Powell, this letter was sent to Capt. Walker who is now to have taken charge of the contract in conjunction with a Colonel Woodward, I understand they are not to be known at the Department as partners, how far this concern is to be extended is unknown to me; but one thing I do know that if the Department continues this contract they will have ample cause to regret it. I know I am not asked for opinions and when given gratuitously are often considered as impertinent but under the 5th rule of the 2nd Article of the printed regulations, I am directed to communicate every occurrence, the knowledge of which may be useful - I have been permitted to take a copy of this letter and now forward it for your information; you will see that Dept. Ingersoll has taken the water at Tuscumbia and divided the party, you will see by the muster roll forwarded by Major Blue that there was 171 - horses or ponies there, with the necessary number of indians to take

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charge of them, have been sent by land, and the rest of the party sent by boats, he does not say what kind of boats; but I presume flat boats.— The 7th Article of the contract positively forbids the separation of the ponies from the Company to which their owners belong; but the separation of a party must always have a bad effect, because the U. States cannot protect them, there being to each party but one Surgeon and one Military Officer and if divided on the route, how is it possible for those Officers to afford their medical protection and assistance to each party thus seperated; and if this is permitted, the Contractors can have the entire controul of at least half of every party by dividing them and sending them seperate roads,— Again, the contract expressly states they shall be furnished with one 6 horse team to each party of 50 or 80 Indians; the party set out with good teams and a great many Indian Waggons and carts; (being private property of Indians;) the good teams are discharged at Fuscumbia and Sugarcell Stations so that if they have good luck and the Arkansaw river favour them they will make a short trip; if otherwise they will have to reload their waggons through a little mud.— Should they have to take to the land, how are they to get teams to supply the place of

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there discharged. She gives a horrid account of the roads, but nothing but what might have been expected from the lateness of the season, no party should ever remove from here after the 1st Oct. but this party set off in December and nothing but bad roads, cold weather, and high waters could have been anticipated, but it was not anticipated that the Contractors would have changed the route from land to water carriage. The 5th article of the contract requires of the Contractors, that they shall within three months from the date of the contract establish depots of provisions on the entire route westward, at which provisions are to be placed, nothing of this kind has been done by the Company, and everything is left to chance and circumstances. — January 10th — Since writing this letter I have had a visit from Opothleholo, Tuckabatchee Micco or Little King, Mad Tiger, Little Doctor and several others, they came to see me to talk about the manner the white people were taking the lands of their dead relatives and to ask me to forward a memorial they had prepared, addressed to the President. They say the bargain they have made with me, they will comply with, and go when I say the word; but they do not want to go under the contract of the Company, and

Since

since they have learned that Capt. Walker is to leave of the Company they seem to be more dissatisfied, I shall write you more fully in a day or two as to the prospects of Emigration every thing wears a steady appearance of a full & complete Emigration during the approaching season. I am much engaged all day in hearing complaints of fraud among other a these unfortunate people some of them amounting to Highway Robbery I have never heard or known of such gross cases

[redacted]

of which I shall lay before Superior department in due season

I have the honor to remain

Your Ob Servt

Geo B Hogan

Supt Cherok Emigrants

Lead Pencil after

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To Recd 28 Jany Fort Mitchell 17 Jany 1836

Genl. Geo Gibson

Sir

your communication of the 6th inst is at hand in which I am directed to discharge my assistant upon the receipt of this letter: Major Blue I presume is with at Washington and from him you will have learned that I have discharged him the same Major Abbitt and Mr Lemaire to assist me in which I am engaged in investigating the frauds Committed on the Creek Indians in the sale of their reservation I have just completed the investigation of Mr Hemp's district & am now engaged in copying the report and the services of these two Gentlemen are absolutely necessary and if withdrawn I would be unable to go thro with the investigation & report upon the other two districts, in the district just completed we have revised upwards of six hundred cases that is 600 half sections of land that has been fraudulently taken from these people the affidavits to be written; the various subjects connected with this duty; requires an immense deal of writing

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and a great deal of care & precision is required in the investigation & reports for fear of involving the Department in difficulties in relation to the titles of land in this country & my correspondence has increased four fold by the assignment of these duties. If these two assistants cannot be recognized as Emigrating assistants I must the Indian Dept. will authorize me to employ them until I get thro this duty of investigating the frauds the fact is that neither of them are employed now as Emigrating officers but their services are indispensible to the performance of the only duty that requires my presence here; believing that this matter is not properly understood at the Department I must take the responsibility of retaining these two gentlemen if I have to pay them out of my own pocket untile I get thro this business which I presume will occupy three or four months, when I shall return to my post & await your further orders untile the opening of the new Emigration — I trust in the mean time that you will lay this communication before the Hon the Sec of War & if he will not allow the payment of these two

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Officers for the time they may be employed from this date I must pay it myself task leave to be relieved from the further investigation of the Mon district I am now expecting a full meeting of the Iowa chiefs some of them are now here awaiting the arrival of the others to give out the broken days for a full meeting of the several towns, to enter their complaints.

The news from Florida of the massacres have made the people in this neighbourhood very uneasy, if there is any part of the Creek nation that has good reason to appr behend danger this is the quarter but I doubt whether there is any serious cause for fear, but it is right to be always on the alert & I have given this advice to the young gentleman in Command of this post, if however these people were disposed to do mischief there is nothing in this quarter to prevent it except a party of 30 men in an open encampment or cantonment — the four principal Chiefs of the Tuchabatchie town viz Opothleholo, Mad Blue, Little Doctor, & Tuchabatchee Mico have sold their lands for the sum of $34,000 & may be considered as an evidence of their fixed determination

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to emigrate early this spring, you may rely on my doing every thing in my power to push the Emigration as fast as possible, and altho I feel much displeased at the constant complaints made by Mr Howell in the name of Mr Sanford & Co. I shall not permit myself to be the least influenced by his conduct but while the Depr. chooses to continue the contracts will do all I can to remove the prejudices of the Indians against that mode of conveyance and urge them out of the country as fast as possible

I have the honor to
Remain your Obt Hble
Jno. B. Rogers
Supt. Western Emigrants

Dwight Pickett & 142
Oct. Mo: P. Rogers
Fort Wilcocke
27 Jany 1836
Received letter of the 25th instant
relating to his exchange
Ans. — Tell the receiver
for returning them to go home
until the investigation is finally
represented that it may be the
best for the interest of upper
Indians if not allowed must from
them & the release from the
claim of the emigration &c
Wm Carey Lt Col
Commdg
in Brevet
Commd Fr Emigrants
Recd Oct 28 1836
Ans. Mr Ewing the Indian
agent at the Rapids a similar
instruction & the Rev. Mr Finley
the same
28 Jany

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To the Hon^ble Lewis Cass

Rec^d 1st Feby

H Mitchell 7 Jany 1836
1st Feby

Sir

The duties assigned me in your letter of the 9th Sept. has been attended to in part & in the district of Orleans twenty seven of the hundred cases have been reversed; a full & complete report of those cases are now copying & will be forwarded in a day or two for your inspection & approval. These duties have been of a much more difficult & complex character than had been anticipated and has required the greatest care & circumspection as to nature & description of the land & has compelled me to employ two of my assistants to aid me in taking notes drawing affidavits & making examinations, when complaints were made & settled. Their assistance it would be impossible for me or any other person to furnish the Dept. with a report that could be relied on. I have this day received an order to discharge those Gentlemen (Maginnis having previously been discharged) & where I to comply with this order I must abandon the further

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investigation in this district, the Chiefs are among in
and in a few minutes more will be here to obtain
the broken days for the collection of their people & I
must go on with this investigation, and have
therefore determined to take the responsibility of retaining
the services of Major Abbott & Mr Leonard until
I get thro this district and hope the Dept. will sanction
it. if however the Dept. refuses to do so; I must pay
these Gentlemen out of my own pocket. I have written
Gov Gibson & requested him to lay my letter before you & my
reasons for retaining these Gentlemen & if not approved
as I cannot get thro the duty without them; I must
ask leave to be excused from the duty assigned me
of investigating the frauds as for the Emigration there
is nothing doing in that business now will there be
until March or April and I should long since
have dispensed with their services but for the duties
connected with their land cases. to economise as
much as possible I have hitherto dispensed with
the expense of an Interpreter, making use of

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Dr Clark Henry's and Sucker I could pick up for the time being, I shall however have to employ more here & have engaged Ben Marshall to act clerking the investigation here: Since writing the above I have had a meeting with the chiefs and have fixed on the coming days for the several tribes to meet me to hear their complaints.

I hope Sir that on retaining the services of these two assistants for the three or four weeks we shall be engaged here that will meet your approbation as I cannot dispense with their services I must pay them I have the honor to out of my own pocket

Remain your Obt Svt.

Jno. W. Hogan
Supt. C. Removal

143 Emigr. Creek
~~Referred~~

Col. Jno: B. Hogan
Ft. Mitchell, 17th Jany 1836

Relates to the investigations of frauds — Sixty hundred cases received of which copies of the report are being made to be forwarded for approval —

States the difficulties of the duty compelled him to claim the assistants, should it be at his own expense, but hopes it will be sanctioned

Speaks of a meeting with the Chiefs of appointing days to hear their complaints

Complaining

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To the Hon. Rec'd Feb 27.
Lewis Cass

Fort Mitchell
5th February 1836

Sir,

In your communication of the 15th ultimo, you have expressed so much solicitude on the subject of the remo=val of the Creek Indians and the critical situation in which the Country now stands in relation to those people, have determined me to make one more effort to convince, if possible, the Department of the difficulties that have and will, retard the emigration. I am aware Sir, that the task I have imposed on myself is an ungrateful one and a thankless one, and let the conse=quences be to me what they may, I shall have the consolation, let what will turn up, to know, that I have faithfully done my duty to my conscience and my Country. In accepting the appointment conferred on me, I had hoped to have been able to give entire satis=faction to the Government, and to have been the means of removing these people from my adopted State; I, therefore, entered on the duties of my appointment with zeal and a fixed determination to be suc=cessful if industry and perseverance could command it – I entered the Creek Nation as a stranger to these Indians – I found them cut up into parties, each party under the influence of certain

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land Speculators; it took some time as might have been expected to obtain a knowledge of all the parties that existed and their relative influences and how they did, and might be made to bear on the emigration: after possessing myself of all the requisite information to enable me to counteract the influence of some, such that of others &c.&c. and just when I had secured the confidence of the leading men of the Nation. I was ordered to discharge my assistants and make room for the Contractors; a majority of that Company are, and have been among the heaviest Speculators in Indian reservations, and consequently had incurred the enmity of other Companies of Speculators, as well as, of many influential Indians; these Gentlemen were also much opposed to any investigation that had been ordered. Believing that the Government wished to make a trial of this mode of removing Indians, altho, I did not believe I could be of much service under the Contract, yet I determined to aid in carrying it on, and I candidly believe it would be much to the interest of the U. States, if the indians could be induced to go under the contract, and in relation to my own personal convenience, it would be entirely to my advantage that it should be continued; for under it, I am relieved from all responsibilities; if the indians go, very well; if they do not, it is the Contractors fault;

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for the gathering, collecting, and encamping them, is entirely with the Contractors: If the Contract was at an end, I should then be responsible for getting them into Camp - It is not one solitary cents advantage to me by what mode of removal the Government chooses to adopt - All I should derive by either mode, would be my salary; but I feel it due to you and the Govt, to state candidly my views on this subject; for sir, it is becoming a subject of too much magnitude to trifle with longer; - ten days ago, I laughed at all reports of hostile ities attributed to these people; but I now regret to be compelled to say that I am of a different opinion: for the last three days, I have each day visited the three towns that have been considered hos- tile, and the conduct and appearance of these people are changed; not an Indian came to the Council fire, but was armed with his rifle, knife, pouch, horn &c. ready for battle; and unless something is done, and that speedily, these people may become extremely troublesome to this State - I have no doubt but they are well appriced of the suc- cesses that have attended the Seminoles, they have many half bends who read and write, and can, and no doubt do communicate to them the Florida news: but this is a digression which I hope you will pardon - my object is, to endeavour to satisfy you, not only as respects the difficulties that lay in the way of emigrating these

people

people, but to endeavour to point out a remedy, if possible, to re-
-move the evil now existing: In the first place I consider, (because
I know the fact,) that the present contract is the greatest obstacle
in the way of emigration; - But I presume the Department feels some
delicacy in rescinding it, particularly as certain influential Gentlemen
of Georgia have an interest in it, and it is supposed that it will
make their fortunes: to remove all difficulties on that head, (should
any exist,) I propose that this contract be annulled or modified
so as to obviate the objections and get over the difficulties that now
exist in relation to that company; in the first place, they should
have nothing to do with the collection, enrolment, encampment or
marching these people, leave all that to your Agents, let them be
Military men or otherwise; when a party is ready to enter Camp
the Contractor will furnish the rations, when waggons are required,
they shall furnish them; the Contractor shall furnish rations,
transportation, pay forriages and all contingent expenses of each
party until they reach their place of destination, for which they
shall be allowed from 14 to 17 dollars per head, and corn as usual for
ponies; each party to travel 12 miles per day, if kept in camp
over 20 days before they start, an account shall be kept, and if the
whole amount of rations issued from the day they go into Camp,

until

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22 Feb. 1836.

Emigration
Indian Office

Jno. B. Dogan
Fairfield Feb. 10

Letter, detailing in the
name of Exec. Committee &
recommending a
change in the control of

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until they reach Ft. Gibson, exceeds an average of 12 miles per day the entire route, then the excess of rations to be paid for at a stipulated price.

If a contract were made of this character the opposition to the Company would be removed; the reduced price per head from 14 to 20 dollars, would cover all the expense of employing; should the Department think it necessary, the Citizen Agents for their collection, if however, the Govt. choose to employ the U. States officers of the army on this duty, their pay is already provided for. I am convinced that a plan of this kind would facilitate emigration, and the present Company would be more than willing to have their contract thus modified, and the change would not involve the Department in any additional expense or any charge of bad faith towards the Company.

The bad success that has attended this emigration has mortified me exceedingly, but I could do no better; my hands have been tied by the contract; I have no power to do anything; there is a part of the Creek Nation that the Contractors have never made any effort in, I mean Talladega and Benton, the Counties where your Sub-Agent, Judge Tarrant resides; I rode thro, those Counties last summer, found my agents there and would have obtained a party; but the Contractors have never thought it worth their trouble to send any agent there. I assure you that I do not feel satisfied.

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the mere fact that I hold the office is not enough for me, I must know that I am serviceable to my country or I cannot hold the office: the salary does not satisfy me, it is not that I seek, it is a higher reward I require - I shall continue until I see what course things are to take, and if I find I cannot be serviceable in this business, I must only adopt the alternative left me and tender my resignation.

I have the honor to remain

Your obt. Servt.

Geo. B Hogan

Supdt. C. Removal

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(Copy) Copying This

Tuscumbia 22nd Dec. 1835

Dear Sir,

It is night and we have just finished getting on board of boats, the Indian waggons and our beef and corn we go in the morning on board, bag and baggage save the horse party which has to beat the swamp and the deep roads we have most appaling accounts of the Mississippi swamp, it is said that hundreds of people are in the mire without a prospect of getting out and it is believed it will be very difficult to get the horses through, if not impossible, their bones may be found one thousand years hence by a different race of men than white men - If the Arkansaw river should favour us we shall make a short trip of it. if it should not we shall yet have to plod our way through a little mud - the Indians are pleased with the plan of going by water and entered into it with spirit, so soon as we declared to them the necessity of it - the roads we are informed are almost impassable between this and Memphis - I should like to have you here just that you might be able to judge between a camp life and the enjoyments of a warm parlour and a pretty wife.

Yours &c -

S. M. Ingersoll

Mrs. John D. Howell

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Col. John B. Hogan
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Columbus. Ohio.

B/H

Mobile Feby 4. 1836

My Dear Hogan

We are now just as anxious about you as we can be. and really altho I dont express my fears I now hardly know if not I am nothing to a living man. - and now Hogan the grand object of this letter is to say you ought by all means as you love your family come home they are all miserable the account of the fight below Columbus has been rec, in the first instance much exaggerated but since a true account has been rec not much calculated to allay our fears. nor will a letter from you be of any service if it seems to me that untill these times change you can do but little amongst them for should you tell the indian they have been badly treated they will be more determined upon revenge if you were to say the contrary you would but jeopardize your own life - indeed our anxiety is great nor can it be otherwise untill you make your appearance - as the family are well - that for your absence happy. I thought

the children down with me as well as my own little John. This place grows rapidly. the Estate property looks down a little and depend upon it the high price of all such articles as are necessary to the planter will depress business this year very much

I expect to return home on monday or tuesday next. Mr. Stephenson did not come this Sustalow tho I had the pleasure of meeting him here he quit the country without having given it any examination and quite unfavourably impressed in regard to it.

Let me hear from you soon at Sustalow for until I hear shall feel truly unhappy.

Yours affectionately

Robt Vincent

(Copy) No copy

Columbus Oct. 30th 1835

Dear Sir,

Immediately upon the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. I felt it my duty to enquire into the character of the one addressed to the Department on the 30th Ult. under the style of J. W. A. Sanford and Company; and I am happy to learn, that whatever may have been rumour, the belief of its truth, was emphatically denied:- The times in which we live are full of evil, and every day's experience is in corroboration of the fact. Of your Zeal and fidelity as Superintendent, I am myself a witness, and I have not withheld my testimony, whenever the subject of your labors, has been introduced:- And I believe I can safely add, that there is no disposition on the part of the Gentlemen with whom I am associated, to discourage your conduct.-

Most Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
J. W. A. Sanford

Col. Jno. W. Morgan
Gilbert, Orch. Comp.

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MOBILE, 9/4,1836 HOGAN,JOHN B. SUPT (A/c for pay from May 21st to July 15th 1836,disputed)

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See letter to the 2d. Aud.
dated 6 Oct. 1836.

Requesting the Aud. of
$246.35 to be remitted
to Col Stagg at Mobile.

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Please also with
letter of Sept 4 - 36.
See other side.

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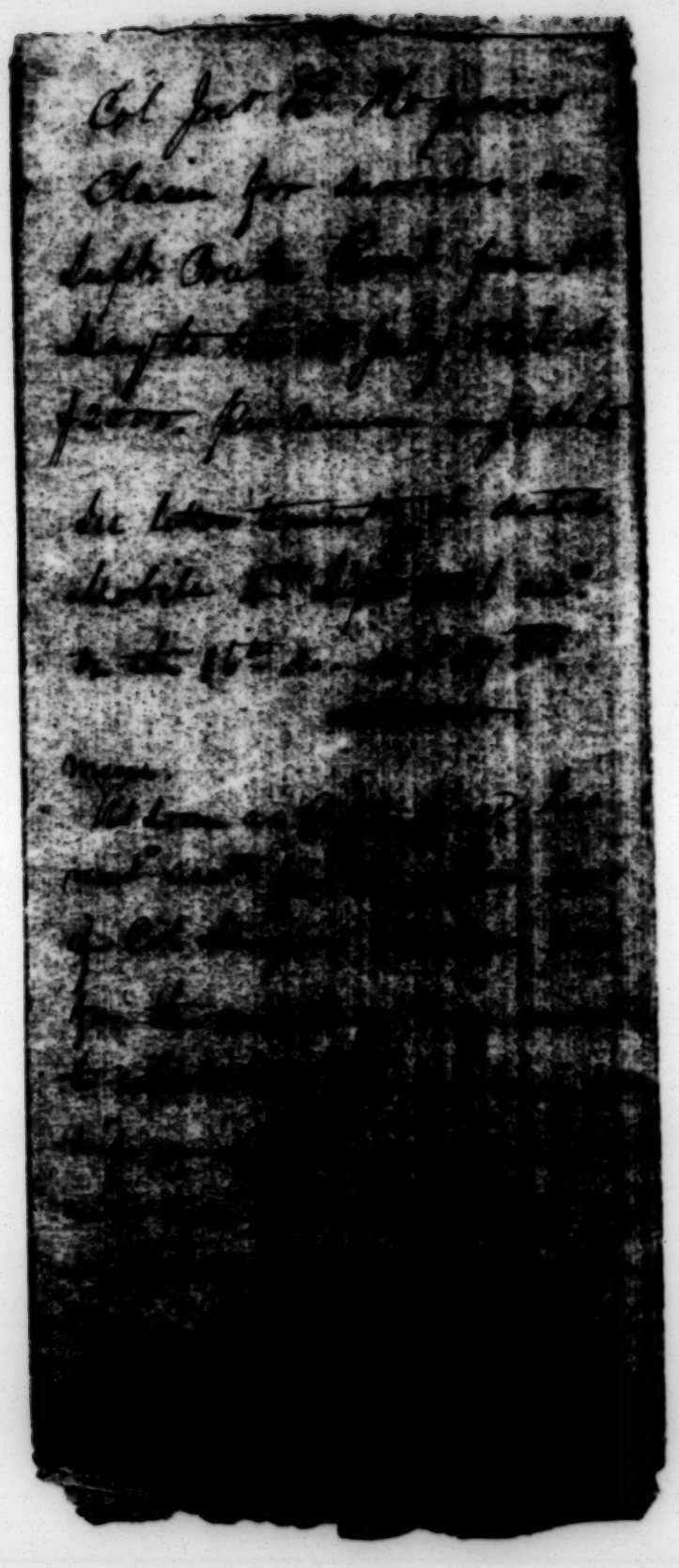

Col Jno B. Hogan,
Acct for services as Insp.

See letter to 2d Auditor
dated 6 Oct. 1826.

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The United States
To Jno. P. Hogan Dr.

1836.

For his pay as Superintendent Creek Emigration as well as investigating Creek frauds, from 1 May 1836 to 15 July 1836 at 2000 pr. annum. 2 Months & half. — $416.65

(Note) I am not certain whether I have received payment for the month of May or not. If however I have been paid it will be seen in Capt. Page's Accounts: If I have then my Account will be for one month & half — $249.99.—

I certify on honor that I did not receive the order of the 20th May 1836 or a duplicate of the same untill 15 July 1836 and untill its reception I held myself subject to orders & most of the time that is all the month of May & June was in the Creek Nation operating with the Army and for which I have received no Compensation.

4th Septr. 1836 at Mobile

Signed Jno. P. Hogan

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| MOBILE, | 3/2,1836 | HOGAN, JOHN B. | (From newspapers learns of the suspensions of his services as Supt of Creek removals. Returns to Tuskegee to resume investigation of frauds) |
| " | 3/8,1836 | " | (Relating the difficulties that exist between himself and the contractors for removal of Creeks. Proposes that Capt Page and one of the contractors accompany him on his tour of investigating frauds) |
| " | 5/13,1836 | " | (Asks for copy of a letter from Dept to Sanford & Co , the one sent failed to reach him. His opinion of the contractors) |

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*Mobile, March 1st, 1836.*

*To Mr. Cass, Editor,*

Sir.—The piece you was kind enough to exhibit to me this morning in a Columbus paper, stating I had been removed as Superintendent of Creek Emigration, is so well calculated to do me an injury and deceive the public. I must beg you will republish it in your paper of to-morrow, and with it a correction by inserting an extract of a letter from the War Department of the 3d ultimo, announcing the fact of Captain Page being charged with the duties of Emigration, while I continue the investigation of frauds committed on the Indians in the sale of their reservations.

Your attention, sir, to this request, will oblige your obedient servant, JNO. B. HOGAN.

## NEW APPOINTMENT.

Captain John Page, of the U. S. Army, has been appointed Superintendent of the Emigration of the Creek Indians, in the place of Col. John B. Hogan, removed

We copy the above from the "Columbus, (Ga.) Sentinel," received yesterday. From what source that paper derived its information, we are unadvised. All we can say of the "Sentinel" is, that it has *Martin Van Buren* for President, and *Richard M. Johnson* for Vice President, as "the very head and front of [its] offending."

Col. J. B. Hogan, who has been for a few days in this city (his place of residence) submits the following correspondence relative to this subject, which it would seem goes to prove the "Sentinel" not so vigilant as it should be, on its post.

## WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS,
*February 3d, 1836.*

Sir,—The Department is much gratified with the and ability evinced by you, in investigating the cases of alleged fraud in obtaining Contracts from the Creek Indians on sale of their reservations. It is to be hoped, that with the aid of your perseverance, firmness and vigilance, the aggrieved may be redressed, and justice administered to all the parties concerned.

I am instructed to say, that the Department cannot dispense with your services in the examination of alleged fraudulent Contracts in Judge Tarrant's District. The able discharge of your duties so far, in that branch of business, renders their continuance indispensable. In order however, to lessen your labor in the Emigrating Department, Captain Page has been instructed to relieve you, and take upon himself for a time the superintendence of removing the Creeks; so that your undivided attention may be bestowed upon the investigation of the Creek Contracts, until that business shall be entirely finished It is confided to your discretion to employ such assistants as you may think necessary for the accomplishment of this work.

Very respectfully,
Your humble servant,
ELBIRT HERRING.

Col. J. B. HOGAN, Columbus, Geo.

MERCANTILE ADVERTISER.

WEDNESDAY MORNING—MARCH 2, 1836.

☞ The Publisher of the Advertiser gives notice that Mr. W. H. SMITH is authorised to collect and receipt for all monies due him on account, whether for subscription to paper, for advertising or for job-printing done at his office. If his patrons would lay him under still greater obligations for their kindness, they could do so by being in readiness to cancel their several dues when called upon by Mr. Smith.

N. B. It will be remembered the term of subscription to the paper and of advertising, by the year, require payments to be made in advance.

☞ Advertisements sent to this Office for Publication, must be marked on the face, with the number of insertions required (when limited) else, they will be continued till forbid, and charged accordingly.

We have had rainy and unpleasant weather for the last three or four days. Vegetation, however, is progressing, the cold weather of which we spoke two or three days since, having abated very considerably.—Peach trees have been in blossom since Monday last, the 29th February.

Since writing the above (about three hours since) there has been another sudden change, from moder-

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Col: Jno: B. Hogan

Mobile 2nd Mar: 1836

Relating to the suspension of his services in superintending the Creek Removal, and encloses communications from several News papers on the subject.

States that he will return in the course of a week to Tuscaloosa to resume the investigation of fraudy. &c.

M. Marsh

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(unofficial)

To Judge Gibson

Mobile 2 March 1836

Dear Sir

I received yours from Ft. Mitchell and stated to you the manner that my suspension as Superintendent was received in Columbus Geo. & that it was well calculated to excite unpleasant feelings & do some great injustice before the public, as removal is always attributed to some misconduct. The day after my arrival here a Columbus, Geo. paper "The Sentinel" a paper that is entirely under the control of the Emigrating Contractors and at whose instance it must have been inserted announced the appointment of Capt Page vice J. B. Hogan removed." so many of my friends called on me to know the cause of my removal that in justice to myself I was compelled to put this an extract of a

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letter of the Sultana addressed to me by Sadyr Bey which fully explained the reasons for suspending my services in that department. The Editor of this paper to whom the Journal was sent being a violent opposition man seized on it as a matter he could make something out of, and has stated that the announcement first made its appearance in a Van Buren paper. I suppose he wished to convey the idea among my numerous friends in this state that I had lost favor & had changed my politics; the Register however has given the affair a proper complexion.

We are all much gratified to hear that Major Bliss is getting well his family has been in great alarm respecting him. His father-in-law rec^d yesterday a few lines from him saying he was getting better. I shall return to Tuskegee in order to resume the investigation of frauds in Indian Trust

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my
fees &
setting
things out
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in the
Courts
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with the Gentlemen sent from Georgia for that purpose

I am respectfully
your Ob Servt
Jno. B. Hogan

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he has
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another;

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Col. J. B. Hogan
Mobile 13th May 1836

Asks for a copy of a letter from Dept. to J. Wat Sanford & Co.

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Genl Gen. Gibson
Com Genl of Pubs.
Washington

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Recd 27 May.

Mobile 13th May 1836

Sir

The letter you forwarded me stated that it contained a copy of one addressed to Mr. A. Sanford & Co. no such copy has reached me. please forward the copy to me & inform what has occurred between the Contractors & Agent you must be aware we anticipated by me in the outset of this contract. I know no man would act as Superintendant and do his duty honestly towards the Dept. & the Indians without coming into contact with that Company and if you ever have a superintendant that can do so, and not be secretly a partner, he is an angel. I should be sainted, as well as Brevetted. There no doubt but they will heap every kind of calumny on my head & why — because I have refused to become a partner. yours &c

Wm. B. Hogan

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their country honor and service, by their gallantry in the field.

Before their departure a high compliment was paid to Col. Chisolm, by the company, the Montgomery Blues, which he commanded as Captain, when elected to the command of the regiment.—They appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs John B. Heron, Wm. H. Pollard, and Robert M. Hamilton, to select and present to him, in the name of the company, a fine parade horse, as a memento of their "kindest regard, and unalterable esteem." It was a fine tribute to merit, conveyed in a delicate and appropriate manner.

The regiment consists of ten companies of volunteers from the following counties: three from Tuscaloosa, two from Montgomery, one from Autauga, (Wetumpka,) one from Dallas, one from Wilcox, one from Pickens, and one from Fayette. The Field Officers are Col. CHISOLM, Lieut. Col. CRAIGE, and Major TALIAFERRO.

One of the New Orleans companies which came over here to obtain an opportunity of joining the troops in service, was accepted by Col. LINDSAY, and accompanied the regiment. The other was disbanded.

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An account has been published in a Columbus paper, of the appointment of Capt. *Page*, with the addition that it was in place of "Colonel JOHN B. HOGAN, *removed*." This is an error, to correct which, and make known the true state of the facts, and the nature of Captain Page's duties, Colonel *Hogan* has caused the following letter to be published. It is from the Superintendant of Indian Affairs, in the War Department at Washington.

*WAR DEPARTMENT.*

OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Feb 3d, 1836.

Sir,—The Department is much gratified with the zeal and ability evinced by you, in investigating the cases of alleged fraud in obtaining contracts from the Creek Indians on sale of their reservations. It is to be hoped, that with the aid of your perseverence, firmness and vigilance, the aggrieved may be redressed, and justice administered to all the parties concerned.

I am instructed to say that the Department cannot dispense with your services in the examination of alleged fraudulent contracts in Judge Tarrant's District. The able discharge of your duties so far, in that branch of business, renders their continuance indispensable. In order however, to lessen your labor in the Emigrating Department, Captain Page has been instructed to relieve you, and take upon himself for a time, the superintendance of removing the Creeks, so that your undivided attention may be bestowed upon the investigation of the Creek contracts, until the business shall be entirely finished. It is confided to your discretion to employ such assistants as you may think necessary for the accomplishment of this work. Very respectfully,

Your humble servant,
ELBERT HERRING.

Col. J. B. HOGAN, Columbus, Georgia.

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The New Orleans Bee of the 29th ult. says: "General Gaines has returned to take the Command of the Army on the Western Frontiers, as Gen. Scott has the superior command in Florida."

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"*The Pirate and the Three Cutters*," is the double title of a new publication in two volumes,—sent us by *Kellogg & Co.* and *S. Smith*; is is by Captain Marryatt, the popular author of 'Peter Simple,' 'Jacob Faithful,' &c. They are like all his productions, very agreable reading.

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Mrs Gibbs makes her fourth appearance this evening—offering in addition to her own attractions, a new piece. It is the last night but one of her engagement.

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RETURN OF VOLUNTEERS.—The steamboat James Boatwright, Capt Chase, arrived at this port yesterday, from St Augustine, which place she left on Sunday last.

In this vessel came passengers, the German Fusiliers, Capt Timrod, and Hamburg Volunteers, Capt Cunningham, their term of service having very nearly expired, and there being no occasion for their remaining longer.

The Washington Light Infantry, and the Washington Volunteers, were also discharged, and were in return, the former in the schr Chas A Keeler, and the latter in the schr Lucas, both of which vessels were waiting a favorable wind.

On Thursday morning last, Maj. KIRBY left with two companies U. S. Troops, in the steamer *Dolphin*, for Below's. The same morning the *Irish Volunteers* and *Richmond Blues* marched from St. Augustine on the same point. In the afternoon they were followed by two companies more, and the next day by two additional companies. Mr. WILLIAMS, a gentleman of respectability, who accompanied Capt. HENRY's detachment, returned on the evening of the 19th, and stated that Capt H. had nearly reached his destination, and that not the least traces of Indians were to be seen. Mr. W. met the second detachment within a mile of Capt, HENRY.—*Charleston Cour, 24th ult.*

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THE MILLION BANK.—A memorial has been presented to the Legislature of Massachusetts, by 1740 citizens of Boston, praying for a bank with

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Copy

Columbus (Geo:) June 12, 1836

Genl. Geo: Gibson C.G.S
Washington City

Dear Sir,

We have the honor to reply to your communication of the 23d. ult.—

Four of the Contractors accompanied General Jesup from this place to Tuskegee on the 4th inst. for the purpose of preparing for any order which the General might think proper to give us in relation to opening Camps for the emigrations of the Indians.— We returned on the 10th with a request from General Jesup to General Scott that all Government Officers connected with the Emigration, together with the Contractors, be ordered to Tuskegee. We therefore ~~im~~ infer that the removal of these people will commence forthwith.— We have, however, learned that all of the friendly warriors will be mustered into the service of the United States, to aid in the suppression of hostilities: Should this be the case, emigration must of course stop until the War is closed, as the women and children cannot possibly be induced to move unless accompanied by their men.— We are inclined to believe that this latter will be the course pursued, as General Scott has not issued the order as requested by General Jesup.

The Indian families will have to be fed until

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until the war is through would it not be proper that they be subsisted by the Contractors under the supervision of Captain Page at the expense of Government? — We ask the question for the reason that Gov: Clay appears lately to have taken quite an interest in these people and we are well apprised it is through the influence of our restless, and troublesome friend Col: Hogan. If left to General Jesup or Capt. Page we cannot doubt but that our interest will receive equal justice, but we very much fear a different result if left to the discretion of Gov: Clay. Pusms, doubtless, would be placed among the Indians who would take every opportunity to create a prejudice against the contractors. We are perfectly satisfied to be governed by the opinion of your officers. —

Up to this time the hostile Indians have proven themselves the best men, for in nearly every engagement of any size the Indians have been victorious. —

We are, Sir,
With much respect
Yr. Obt. Servts.
(Signed) Jno: W. A. Sanford & Co.

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| MOBILE, 7/11,1836 | HOGAN, JOHN B. | (Wishes to know if he is still in office or not) |
| " 7/15,1836 | " | (Recpts letter of 5/20,1836) |
| " 9/4,1836 | " | (Sends a/cs for services as superintendent of Creek removal) |
| " 9/13,1836 | " | (Requests to be furnished with a copy of a letter written by Banford & Co 3/30,1836) |

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Bay wood July 11. 1836.
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S. B. Hogan

Wishes to know whether he is still in office or not

28th July

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Rec'd & ans'd. D. P. Fry

Bayhood
near Mobile
11 July 1836

Sir

I have received no letters from the Dept. since 1st May: for my what situation do I occupy? By your letter of the 24th February you say when I get this the investigations of frauds I shall resume the duties of Emigrating business &c. the court now has put a stop to the investigations, but I hear nothing from the Dept. respecting the party in the Colum bus newspapers say I am disgracefully discharged. If such be the fact I presume I am as much interested in knowing it as any other person I hope you will not with hold from me what I should wish to know viz whether I am in or out of office.

upon as the Choctaw party came in & finally discharged Capt Nicholls & the Indians I had the command of I returned home expecting to find some communication from you. none however has come to hand

Yours &c &c Jas. B. Hogan

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Col: John B. Hogan
Bay Wood, near Mobile
15 July, 1836

Receipts communication
of May 20th, '36

Transmitted

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Maj. Gen. Johnson

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Bay Wood —
near Mobile 15 July 1856

To Fred Gibson

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge on yesterday the receipt of your Communication of the 20th May last. This was the first official information I have been honored with on nomincing my duties upon from the duties of Capt. C Rennard. I had heard that your present Superintendent Capt. Pope had received information that that Juan (disgracefully) dismissed for the benefit of the Land Stealers; but it seemed to me a very singular that I should not have been honored with a copy of the mandate; It now appears that your letter was among the missing mails as it has the post mark of 9th July as forwarded from Tuskegee.

I shall visit Washington city in a few weeks for the purpose of seeing the President & will then do myself the honor to call on you, I have the honor to remain your Obt Svt.

Jno. B. Magruder

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Col. J. B. Hogan
Mobile, 4th Sept. 1836.

Sends his account
for services as Supt.
of Creek Rem.l &c

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Rec'd & Ans. 17 Sept.

Mobile 6th Sept. 1826

Dr Sir

I enclose you my last account for services as superintendant, which please audit & send me a warrant for the amount. It is a mere pittance for hard services of the most odious character, my approved account shall be forwarded to the Indian Dept.

I am most respectfully your friend & Obt Servt

Thos. P. Moore

General George Gibson
Com Genl. Subs.
Washington City

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Col. J. B. Hogan
Mobile 13th Sept. 1836

Requesting to be furnished with a copy of a letter written by Messrs. Sanford & Co dated 30th March

26 Sept.

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Recd 26 Feb

Mobile 13 Sep. 1826

Dear Sir

In your letter of the 14th April last you say "you are instructed by the Secretary of War to transmit me a letter or copy of a letter addressed to your office (Emigration of Indians) by Capt. Langford &c dated 30th March for the purpose of affording me an opportunity of putting the matter in its proper light &c". The enclosure you allude to has never come to hand, I will thank you to cause a copy of that communication to be forwarded to me that I may know what it is & what they have charged me upon.

Yours &c

Gen. Geo. Gibson

Thos. B. Wagner